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ANNO. XXI.
HENRICI VIII.

STATVTA AD REMP. Spectantia, edita in prima sessione parliamenti, primo inchoati in ciuitate Londin. tertio die Nouēbris, Anno regni inuictissimi principis Henrici octaui, Anglię et Frācię regis, fidei defensoris, et domini Hiberniæ, XXI. et ex ea ciuitate tam adiurnati q̄ prorogati ad Palatium vvestmonast. et ibidē continuati per. XLIIII. dies, videlicet vsq; ad XVII. diem Decembris, et ab eisdem loco et die prorogat. vsq; ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc proximę instantis.

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¶ That is to wete, the kynges highnes of his ſayd benygnitie and high lyberalitie is fully and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it be ordeyned, eſtablyſſhed, and enacted, by auctoritie of this his ſayd parlyament, that al and euery of his ſayd ſubiectes, as well ſpirituall as temporall, the heyres, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them and euerye of them, and all and ſynguler bodyes in anye maner of wyſe corporate, cyties, boroughes, ſhires, rydynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythynges, and euerye of them, the ſucceſſours and the ſucceſſour of euery of them ſhalbe by the auctoritie of this preſent parlymẽt acquited, pardoned, releaſed, and diſcharged agaynſt his highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executours, and euery of them, of all and all maner offences, contemptes, treſpas, wronges, deceptes, myſdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, profites, ſummes of money, peynes of dethe, and peynes corporall, and pecuniarye, and generally of all other thynges, cauſes, quarelles, ſutes, iudgementes, and executions in this preſent acte hereafter nat excepted nor forpriſed, whiche maye be or canne be by his hyghneſſe in any wyſe or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the laſte daye of the monethe of Octobre, in the .xxi. yere of his mooſte noble reygne, to euery of his ſayde ſubiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhires, ridynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythynges, or to any of them. And alſo the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament, that this ſayd free pardon ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his ſayde ſubiectes of this his realme, and to all and euery of the ſayd bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhyres, ryddynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and

tythynges, and to euery of them, by these generall wordes before reherſed, in all thynges, whiche be not hereafter excepted, as the ſayde pardon ſhulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, cauſes, matters, ſuites quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not here after excepted, hadde be particularlye, ſyngularlye, ſpecially, and playnely pardoned, named, reherſed, and ſpecifyed, by proper or expreſſe wordes, and names in theyr kindes, natures, and qualities, in wordes, and termes ther vnto requiſite in the ſayde pardon, and that his ſayde ſubiectes nor any of theym, theyr heyres, executours, nor adminiſtratours, nor the heyres, executours, or adminiſtratours, of any of them, nor any of the ſayde bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhyres, ryddynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes wapentakes, townes, villages, nor tythynges, nor any of them, be ſued, vexed, or inquieted, in theyre bodies, goodes, landes, nor catels for anye maner matter, cauſe, contempte, miſdemeanour, forfayture, treſpas, offence, or any other thyng, ſuffered, done, or committed, before the ſayd laſt day of Octobre, agaynſte the kynges highnes, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, ſtatutes, or dignitie, but only for ſuche cauſes, matters, and offences as be ſpecially and playnely reherſed in the exceptions and forpriſes in this preſent pardon hereafter mencioned, and for none other. Any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſe, or preſident heretofore hadde, made, or vſed to the contrarye in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

¶ Alſo the kynges hyghnes of his bounteous liberalytie, by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament graunteth, and freely giueth vnto his ſaid ſubiectes and to euery of them, and to euery of the ſaydē bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhyres, ryddinges, hundredes, lathes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythynges, and to euery of them al ſuche goodes, catels, fynes, iſſues, profites, amercementes, forfaytures, and ſommes of money, by any of them forfayted, whiche to his hyghnes do or ſhulde belong or apperteine by reaſon of any offence, contempt, miſdemeanour, treſpas, matter, cauſe, or quarell, ſuffred, done or committed by them or any of them, before the ſaid laſt day of Octobre, which be not hereafter ſpecially and playnly forpriſed and excepted in this preſent pardon. And that all and euery the kynges ſaid ſubiectes, and all and euery bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, ſhyres, riddynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythynges, may by hym ſelfe, or his or theyr attourneye or attournepes, plede and miniſter this preſent acte and free pardon for his or theyr diſcharge, of and for euery thing that is therby pardoned without any fee or other thing therfore in any wyſe payenge to any perſone or perſones for pleadyng, writynge, or entre of the iugement, or for any other cauſe concernyng the ſame, but only .xii.d. to the clerke that ſhall entre the plee, matter, or iugement, for his or theyr diſcharge in that behalfe. Any eſtatute or vſe to the contrarye notwithſtandynge.

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this preſent parlyament, that his ſayde free pardon in all maner

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courtes of his lawes, and elles where, shall be reputed, demed, and iudged, alowed, and taken as well in the wordes and clauses, of the exceptions and forprises specified in this present pardon and acte, as in al and syngular the other clauses, wordes and sentence, mencioned and rehersed in the sayd free pardon, moost benecially and auaylable to al and singuler his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and to euery of the sayde bodies corporated, cities boroughes, shyres, ryddynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, billages, and tythynges, and euery of them, and most strongly in bar, and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours, in euery thynge without obstacle challenge or other delay what so euer it be, to be made, pleded, obiected, or alleged by the kyng our souerayn lord, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall attourney or attourneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that if any officer or clerke of his high courtes commonly called the kynges benche, chancery, and common place, or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feest of the Natiuitie of our lord god next commynge, make out, or write out any maner of writtes, or other proceese, or any extractes, or other preceptes, wherby any person or persones of his saide subiectes, or any of the sayde bodies corporated, cities, boroughes, shyres, rydynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, billages, and tythynges, or any of them shalbe in any wyse arested, attached, distrayned sumoned, or other wyse vexed, troubled, or greued in theyr bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattelles, or in any of theym, for or bycause of any maner of thynge, acquited, pardoned, released, or discharged by this preset acte of free pardon, he so offendynge, and therof laufully condempned, shal pelde and paye for recompence therof to the partie soo greued or offended, treble damages, accompted as parcell of those damages, all costes of the sute. And neuer the lesse all and synguler suche writtes, proceese, extractes, and preceptes, made or to be made, for or vpon any maner thynge acquited pardoned, released, or discharged by this present acte of free pardone, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Except alwayes & forprised out of this pardon al maner of high treason, all prepensed & voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, & robberies done vpon or to mens persons, all other felonies & robberies by the cõmon lawe, of felonous takyng of any money, goodes, or catels aboue ỹ value of xx.s. al felonous brẽnyng of houses, all carnall rauisshementes of women, al rasinges of recordes, al outlaries of highe treasons, & of all maner of felonies, other than felonies to the saide value of. xx.s. or vnder that summe.

¶ And that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or agaynst any persone or persones for any cause nat beinge treason, murder, or felonye aboue the saide summe of. xx.s. to be pardoned by the generall wordes of this par-

done aforesayde, so alway that the same persones and euery of them stande to right to answere or satisfie the partie, at whose sute he is outlawed, accordyng to the lawes of this realme. ¶ Also excepted and forprised out of this pardone al offences, and contemptes cõmitted and done agaynst the statute or statutes of prouision and premunire, or any of them, and all forfaytures and tytles that maye growe to the kynges hyghnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, and al titles and actions of Quare impedit, and al rauischementes of the kynges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woodes in his forestes, parkes, or chaces: all concelementes of customes and subsidies: all ryottes, rowtes, and vnlauful assembles cõmitted and done aboue the numbre of .xx. persons. ¶ And also excepte and forprised out of this pardone all issues and profites, fines, and other penalties for inclosures of landes, and issues, profites, fines, & other penalties, for decayes of houses of husbandry, if that the same inclosures be not reformed, and the landes put in tyllage, or the sayd houses not reedified before the laste daye of September nexte cõmynge. ¶ And also excepte all maner of alyenations and gyftes into mortmayne or to thuse of any maner of mortmayne, & all intrusions had, made, or done in any manours, landes tenemẽtes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of saint Myghell the archangell, which was in the .xx. yere of the reygne of our saide souerayne lorde. ¶ And also all offences commytted by dyggynge downe or castynge downe of any crosse or crosses, which e stode, or were sette in any common or hyghe waye or wayes: And all and singuler dettes other than dettes growynge vpon recognisances beinge all redy forfayted, for suertie of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forprysed oute of this pardone all accomptes, and all actions, suites, and impetitions for the same accomptes & arrerages of accomptes, and for the sayd dettes or any of them hereby excepted & forprised, All homages and relieffes, all wylfull escapes, as well of cõuictes as other dettes, whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memorie kyng Henry the .vii. or to any person or persons, to his vse by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation, or other wyse. All and synguler those forfaitures dewe to our souerayne lorde kynge Henry the .viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iugement or by agrement of the offendours before the fyrste day of this present parlyamente, and al forfaytures & other penalties & profites growen or dewe by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe, wherof any seasure is made, or any informatiõ gyuen in the kynges eschequer, or any sute there cõmensed before the sayde fyrste day of this parlyament, or wherof the kynges hyghnesse by his bylle signed or other wise heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to any of his seruantes: And also excepted all issues forfayted, fynes, amercementes, affered, tared, set, extreted, or iudged seuerally and particularly, extendyng to the sũme of a. C.s. or aboue that summe. And that all and singuler other fynes, as well fynes (Pro licentia concordandi) as other, and all other issues

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and amercementes, as well reall as other, whiche ſeuerally or particulerly extend not to the ſayd ſumme of a. C. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the ſheriffe, or not taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be turned in to dette or not dette, and not beyng leuied nor receyued by any ſheryffe or ſheriffes, baylyffe, miniſters, or other officers, ſhalbe fully clere and playnely pardoned, and diſcharged agaynſte the kynge our ſouereigne lorde, his heires and ſucceſſours for euer.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that in caſe it be objected to any ſheriffe or ſheriffes or other accomptantes in the kynges court of eſcheker, or in any other his courtes, that any ſheriffe or ſheriffes or other officers accomptaunt hath receyued or taken any ſuche fines, iſſues, or amerciamentes before pardoned, releaſed, and acquited, that then euery ſuch ſheriffe and ſheryffes, and other accomptantes ſhal be diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned, and acquited thereof by his or theyr othe, withoute anye further tryall in that behalfe. ¶ GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

¶ An acte that abiured perſons ſhall be marked in the ryght hand with the ſygne of an A. Cap. ii.

BE it enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that if any perſon take ſayntuarie in any churche, churcheyarde, or other holye place, for felony or murder, where he ought̄e by the lawes and cuſtomes of this realme to haue his abiuration for the ſame, that then the ſame felon or murderer, ſhall take his abiuration, and paſſage oute of the ſame churche, churcheyarde, or other holy place, at ſuch day & tyme as ſhall be lymitted to hym by the coroner of the shyre or place, wherin he taketh ſuche ſayntuarie, and that the coroner immediately after his confeſſion, and before his abiuration, ſhal cauſe euery ſuch felon or murderer to be marked with an hote yron vpon the brawn of the thombe of the right hand with the ſygne of an. A. to the entente he maye be the better knowen amonge the kynges ſubiectes, that he was abiured, and than to gyue hym his abiuration, and to be vſed in all other thynges as hath ben accuſtomed. And that al mayres, baylyffes, and conſtables, ſhall be attendaunte at the commaundemente of the coroner for the due execution therof, as they wyll anſwere atte theyr perils to the kynges hyghnes for the ſame.

And if any felon or murderer that ought to haue any ſuch abiuratiō, refuſe to take his paſſage out of the ſayd ſaintuary at ſuch time as ſhalbe limitted to hym by the ſaid coroner. That then the ſaid felon or murderer ſo refuſing ſhall loſe the benefite of the ſame ſayntuary, and be taken out of the ſame, & committed to priſon, and further to be ordered for his offence after his merites, without any reſtitution to ſaynctuarie for the ſame.

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¶ In acte concernynge abrigementes of playntes in assise. Cap. iii.

FOr as moche as assises whiche haue ben thought the most spedy remedy be nowe by occasion of pledyng of many barres to moyties, and parties of the landes put in viewe and playnt, greately delayed for difficulties and diuision of pleding, And one cause therof is, bicause the plaintifes in the assise in suche plees, to moities, and parties, can not by the lawe abrydge theyr playntes. For remedy wherof, be it enacted, that the playntife in euery assise from henseforth may at his pleasure seuer and abridge his playnte, of any parte or partes, whereunto any barre is pleded, in suche lyke maner, as he or they myght do in case the plees in barre had be made and deuided to any certeinty or numbre of acres in the plaint, and that the plaint, for the residue of the partie or parties of the landes not abrydged, shalbe & stand good and effectuall in the lawe.

¶ In acte concernynge the sale of landes by the executours of the testamentes. Cap. iiii.

WHere dyuers sundrye personnes before this tyme, haupnge other personnes seased to theyr vses, of and in landes and other hereditamentes, to and for the declaration of theyr wylles, haue by theyr laste wylles and testamentes wylled & declared suche theyr sayde landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes to be solde by theyr executours, as well to and for the paimentes of theyr dettes, performance of their legacies necessary, and conuenient fyndynge of their wyues, vertuous bryngynge up, and aduaunceme[n]te of theyr children to mariage, as also for other charitable dedes to be done and executed by theyr executours for the helth of theyr soules. And nat withstandynge suche truste and confidence so by them put in theyr sayd executours, it hath ofte tymes ben sene, where suche last wylles and testame[n]tes of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes hath bene declared, and in the same dyuers executours named and made, that after the decease of suche testatours, some of the same executours wyllynge to accomplysshe the truste and confidence that they were put in by the sayde testatour, haue accepted and taken vpon them the charge of the sayde testamente, and haue ben redy to fulfyll and performe all thynges conteyned in the same, and the residue of the same executours, vncharitably contrary to the trust that they were put in, haue refused to entermedle in any wyse with the execution of the sayde wyll and testament, or with the sale of suche landes soo wylled to be solde by the testatour. And for as moche as a bargayne and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so wylled by any personne to be solde by his executours after his decease, after the opinion of dyuers persones, canne in no wyse be good or effectuall in the lawe, onelesse the same bargayne and sale be made by the hole noumber of the executours, named

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to and for the same: by reason wherof as well the dettes of suche testatours hath rested vnpayed and vnsatisfied, to the great daunger and perill of the soules of suche testatours, and to the great hynderaunce, and many tymes to the vtter vndoynge of theyr creditours. As also the legacies and bequestes made by the testatour to his wyfe, chyldren, and for other charytable dedes to be done for the welth of the soule of the same testatour, that made the same testament, hath ben also vnperfourmed, as well to the extreme mysery of the wyfe and chyldren of the sayd testatour, as also to the lette of perfourmaunce of other charitable dedes for the welth of the soule of the sayd testatour, to the displeasure of almyghty god. For the remedy wherof, Be it enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that where parte of the executours named in any suche testament of any suche person so makynge or declarynge any such wyl of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to be solde by his executours, after the deathe of any suche testatour, do refuse to take vpon hym or them the administration and charge of the same testamente and laste wyll, wherin they be soo named to be executours, and the residue of the same executours do accepte & take vppon them the cure and charge of the same testamente and laste wyl: that than all bargaynes and sales of such landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so wylled to be solde by the executours of any such testatour, as well heretofore made, as hereafter to be made by hym or theym, onelye of the sayde executours that soo dothe accepte, or that here tofore hathe accepted and taken vppon hym or theym any suche cure or charge of admynistration of any suche wyll or testamente, shall be as good and as effectuall in the lawe, as if all the residue of the same executours, named in the sayde testamente, so refusynge the administration of the same testament, hadde ioyned with hym or theym in the makynge of the bargayne and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other heredytamentes soo wylled to be sold by theyr executours of any suche testatour, whiche heretofore hathe made or declared, or that hereafter shall make or declare any suche wyll of any suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes after his decease to be sold by his executours.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte shall nat extende to gyue power or auctoritie to any executour or executours at any tyme hereafter to bargaine or put to sale any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, by vertue and auctoritie of any wyll or testament heretofore made, otherwyse than they might do by the course of the common lawe afore the makynge of this acte.

¶ An acte concernynge probate of testamentes. Cap. v.

Where in the parlyment holden at westmister in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of the noble kynge of famous memorye, Edwarde the thirde vpon the complaint of his people for the outragious and greuous fynes and summes of money taken by the mynysters

sters of bysshoppes, and of other ordinaries of holy church for the probate of testamentes, and for the acquitaunces by the sayde ordinaries to be made concernynge the same, the sayde noble kynge in the same parlyament openly charged and commaunded the archebysshoppe of Caunturbery, and the other bysshoppes for that tyme beynge, that amendemente therof shoulde be hadde. And if none amendement were therof hadde it was by the auctoritie of the same parlyament accorded, that the kyng shuld therof make inquery by his iustices of suche oppression and extortions. And that the same iustices shuld here and determyne them as well at the sute of the kyng as of the partie, as of olde tyme hath bene vsed, as by the same statute playnly appereth. And where at the parlyament holden at westmynster in the. iii. yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the. v. it was recyted that the commons of the realme had often tymes complained them in dyuers parlymentes of that that diuers ordinaries take for the probation of testamentes and other thynges therunto belongynge, some tyme. xl. s. some tyme. lx. s. and some tyme more agaynste ryghte and Justice, where in the tyme of kynge Edwarde the. iii. men were wonte to pay for suche causes but. ii. s. vi. d. or. v. s. at the mooste, by whiche vnlawfull exactions the testamentes of the testatours myght not be executed accordynge to their laste wylles. It was than enacted for the auoydynge of such oppressions, that no ordinary from thensforth shuld take for the probation of any testament and inuentory, or for any other thynges to the same belongyng, any more than was accustomed and vsed in the time of the sayde noble kynge Edwarde the thyrd, vpon peyne to yelde to the partie so greued thre tymes as moche as the sayd ordinaries dyd so receiue, whiche acte dyd endure but to the next parlyament folowing, by reason that the ordinaries dyd than promyse to reforme and amende the sayd oppressions & exactions. And for that that the sayde vnlaufull exactions of the sayd ordinaries and theyr mynysters be nothyng reformed nor amended, but greately augmented and encreased, agaynst ryghte and Justice, and to the greate impouerysshynge of the kynges subiectes.

¶ The kyng our soueraygne lorde by the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctority of the same, hath ordeined, established, and enacted, that from the first daye of Apryl, in the yere of our lorde. M. D. XXX. that nothynge shall be demaunded, receyued, nor taken by any bysshoppe, ordinarie, archedeaken, chauncellour, commyssary, officiall, nor any other maner of persone or persones, what so euer they be, whiche nowe haue, or whiche at any tyme here after shal haue auctoritie or power to take or receyue probation insinuation or approbation of testament or testamentes, by him selfe or them selfe, nor by his or theyr regesters, scribes, prayers, summoners, apparatours, or by any other of theyr mynysters, for the probation, insinuation, & approbation of any testament or testamentes, or for writynge, sealynge, prayynge, regestrynge, fynes, makyng of inuentories, and gruyng of acquitances, or for any other maner of cause cõcernyng the same, where the goodes of the testa

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tour of the ſayd teſtament or perſon ſoo dienge, do nat amount clerely ouer and aboue the value of. C.s. ſterlynge, excepte onely to the ſcribe to haue for wrytynge of the probate of the teſtament of hym deceaſed, whoſe goodes ſhall not be aboue the ſame clere value of. C.s. vi.d. and for the commiſſion of miniſtration of the gooddes of any manne diſſeaſynge inteſtate, nat beyng aboue lyke value of. C.s. clere. vi.d. and that neuer the leſſe the byſſhoppe, ordinarye, or other perſon or perſons hauynge power or auctorite to take or receyue the probation or approbation of teſtamentes, refuſe nat to approue any ſuche teſtament, beynge laufully tended or offred to them to be proued or approued, wherof the goodes of the teſtatour or perſone ſo dyenge amount not aboue the value of. C.s. ſterlynge, ſo that the ſayde teſtament be exhibited to him or them in wrytynge with ware therunto affixed redy to be ſealed, and that the ſame teſtamente be laufully proued before the ſame ordinarie (before the ſealynge) to be the trewe, holle, and laſt teſtamēt of the ſame teſtatour, in ſuche fourme as hath bene commonly accuſtomed in that behalfe.

¶ And whan the goodes of the teſtatour doo amounte ouer and aboue the clere value of. C.s. and do nat excede the ſumme of. xl. pounde ſterlyng: that than no byſſhoppe, ordinarye, nor other maner of perſonne or perſonnes what ſoo euer he or they be, nowe hauynge or whiche hereafter ſhall haue auctorite to take probation or approbation of any teſtament or teſtamentes as is aforeſayde, by them ſelfe nor any of theyr ſayd regeſters, ſcribes, prayſers, ſummoners, apparatours, nor any other theyr miniſters for the probation, inſinuation, and approbation of any teſtament or teſtamentes, or for the regeſtryng, ſealyng, writyng, praiſing, makyng of inuentories, giuing of acquitances, fynes, or any other thynge concernyng the ſame ſhall take or cauſe to be taken of any perſon or perſones, but only. iii. s. vi. d. and nat aboue, wherof to be to the ſayde byſſhoppe or ordinary, or to other perſonne or perſonnes hauynge power and auctorite to take the probation or approbation of any teſtamente or teſtamentes, for hym and his mynyſters. ii. s. vi.d. and not aboue, and. xii.d. reſydue of the ſayde. iii.s. vi.d. to be to the ſcribe for the regeſtryng of the ſame. And where the goodes of the teſtatour or perſone or perſons ſo dyenge, do amounte ouer and aboue the clere value of. xl. pounde ſterlyng, that than the byſſhoppe nor ordinarie, nor other perſone or perſones nowe hauynge or whiche hereafter ſhall haue auctorite or power to take probate of teſtamentes, as is aforeſayde, by hym or theym ſelfe, nor any of his or theyr ſayde regeſters, ſcribes, prayſers, ſummoners, apparatours, or any other theyr mynyſtres, for the probation, inſinuation, and approbation of any teſtamente or teſtamentes, or for the regeſtrynge, ſealynge, wrytynge, prayſynge, makynge of inuentories, fynes, gyuinge of acquitaunces, or anye thynge concernynge the ſame probate of teſtamente, ſhall from the ſayde fyrſt day of Apryll, take or cauſe to be taken of any perſon or perſons, but onely. v.s. and nat aboue, wherof to be to the ſayd byſſhoppe, ordinarie, or other perſon hauynge power to take the probation of

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ſuch teſtament or teſtamentes for hym and his mynyſters.ii.s.vi.d. and nat aboue,and.ii.s.vi.d.reſidue of the ſayd.x.s.to be to the ſcribe for regeſtring of the ſame,orels the ſame ſcribe to be at his libertie to refuſe thoſe.ii.s.vi.d. and to demaunde and haue for wrytynge of euery tenne lynes of the ſame teſtament, wherof euery lyne to conteyne in length.x.ynches.i.d. And that eeuery ſuche byſhop or ordinarie,and other perſone or perſones,ſo hauyng or which hereafter ſhall haue auctoritie or power to take or receyue the probation or approbation of any teſtament or teſtamentes, as is aboueſayd,their regeſters, ſcribes, and miniſters, ſhall approue, inſinuate, ſeale, and regeſter, from tyme to tyme the ſayd teſtamẽtes, and deliuer the ſame ſeale with the ſeale of their office to the executour or executours named in any ſuche teſtamentes, for the ſayd ſumme or ſũmes aboueſayd,and in maner & forme as is aboue reherſed to delyuer it with conuenient ſpede, without any fruſtratorie delay. And in caſe any perſon dye inteſtate, or that the executours named in any ſuche teſtamentes, refuſe to proue the ſayde teſtament, Than the ſaid ordinary or other perſon or perſons,hauing auctoritie to take probate of teſtamentes, as is aboueſayde, ſhall graunte the adminiſtration of the goodes of the teſtatour or perſone deceaſed to the wydowe of the ſame perſone deceaſed, or to the nexte of his kynne,or to bothe,as by the diſcretion of the ſame ordinarie ſhall be thought good, takynge ſuertie of hym or theym, to whom ſhalbe made ſuch cõmiſſion for true adminiſtration of the goodes, cattels, and dettes, whiche he or they ſhall be ſoo auctoriſed to mynyſter. And in caſe where dyuers perſonnes clayme the adminiſtration as nexte of kinne, whiche be egall in degree of kynred to the teſtatour or perſone deceaſed, and where any perſonne onely delyzethe the adminiſtration as nexte of kyn,where in dede diuers perſons be in equalitie of kynred,as is aforeſaid: Than in euerye ſuche caſe the ordinarie to be at his election and libertie to accepte any one or mo makynge requeſt, where diuers do require the adminiſtration. Or where but one or more of theym, and nat all beynge in equalitie of degree do make requeſte, than the ordinary to admytte the wydowe and hym or theym onely makynge requeſte, or any one of theym at his pleaſure, takynge nothynge for the ſame, oneleſſe the goodes of the perſon ſo deceaſed, amounte aboue the value or ſumme of .C.s. And in caſe the goodes of the perſon ſo deceaſed amounte aboue the value of.C.s. and nat aboue the value or ſumme of .xl.li. than the ſayde byſſhoppe, ordynary, or other perſone or perſones, ſoo haupnge auctoritie to take probate of teſtamentes,as is aforeſayde, theyr mynyſters and officers, ſhall take only.x.s. vi.d.ſterlyng and nat aboue, and that the executour and executours named by the teſtatour or perſone ſo deceaſed, or ſuche other perſone or perſonnes, to whom ſuche adminiſtration ſhall be commytted. where any perſonne dyeth inteſtate or by way of inteſtate, callynge or takynge to hym or them ſuch perſone or perſones, two at the leaſte, to whom the ſayde perſone ſo dyenge was indetted, or made any legacy, and vppon theyr refuſell or abſence,two other honeſt perſones beynge nexte of kynne to the perſone ſo dyenge, and

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in theyr defaute or absence. ii. other honest persones, and in theer presence. and by theyr discretions shall make or cause to be made a trewe and perfite inuentory of all the goodes, cattels, wares, marchandises, as wel mouable as not mouable, what so euer that were of the sayde persone soo deceased, and the same shall cause to be indented, wherof the one parte shall be by the sayde executour or executours, administratour or administratours, vpon his or theyr othe or othes to be taken before the sayde bysshoppes, ordynaries, theyr officials, or commyssaries, or other persones haupnge power to take probate of testamentes, vpon the holy Euangelist, to be good and true, and the same one parte endented shall present and delyuer in to the kepyng of the sayde bysshoppe, ordynary or ordynaries, or other persone haupnge power to take probate of testamentes. and the other parte therof to remain with the sayde executoure or executours, admynystratour or admynystratours, and that no bysshoppe, ordinarie, or other, what so euer person, haupnge auctorite to take probate of testamente or testamentes, as is aboue sayde, vpon the peyne in this statute hereafter conteyned, refuse to take any suche inuentory or inuentories to hym or them presented, or tended to be delyuered as is afore sayde.

¶ Prouided alwaye that if the person so deceased, wyll by his testament or last wyll, any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to be solde, that the money therof cõmyng, nor the profites of the sayd landes, for any tyme to be taken, shall not be accompted as any of the goodes or cattels of the sayd person so diseased, and that the same bysshoppe, ordinary, or other person or persons, hauing auctorite to take probate of testament or testamentes, as is aforesaid, vpon the delyuere of the seale and sygne of the testatour, do cause the same seale to be defaced, and there vpon incontinent redelyuer the same seale vnto the said executour or executours, without claime or chalẽge there vnto to be made: And in case any person or persõs at any tyme hereafter requyre a copy or copies of the sayde testamentes so proued, or of the sayde inuentory so made, that than the sayd ordynary or ordinaries, and the other persons hauing auctorite to take probate of testamẽtes, or theyr ministers, shall from tyme to tyme with conuenient spede, without any frustratory delaye, delyuer or cause to be delyuered a trewe copy or coppies of the same, to the sayde person or persons so demaundynge them or any of them, taking for the serche and for the makynge of the coppe of eyther of the sayde testament or inuentorie, but onely suche fee as is before reherced for the regestryng of the sayde testament, or elles the scrybe or regester to be at his election and libertie to demaunde haue and take for euery ten lynes therof, bemge of the proporcion before reherced. i. d.

¶ Prouided alway that where any person or personnes haupnge power or auctorite to take probate of testamentes, haue vsed to take lesse summes of money than is aboue sayde for the probate of testamentes, or cõmissions of administrations, or other cause concernyng the same, shall take and receiue suche summe or summes of money for the probate of testamentes and com-

missions of the administrations, and other causes concernynge the same, as they before the makynge of this acte haue vsed to take, and not aboue.

¶ And it is enacted, that euery bysshoppe, ordinarie, archedeaken, chauncellour, commyssary, official, and other person and persons, haupng. or the whiche hereafter shall haue auctorite to take probate of testamentes, theyr regesters, scribes, prayers, summoners, apparatours, and all other theyr mynysters, what soo euer they be, that shall doo or attempte, or cause to be done and attempted agaynst this acte or ordinance in any thynge, shall forfayt and lose for euery tyme so offending to the party greued in that behalfe so moche money as any such person aboue sayde shall take contrary to this present acte. And ouer that shall lose and forfayte. x. pounde sterlyng, whereof the one moyte shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytie to the partie greued in that behalfe, that wyll sue by action of dette, byl, information, or other wyse, in any of the kynges courtes for the recouere of the same, in which action no essoyn, protection, nor wager of lawe shal be admytted or allowed. And that euery of the same bysshoppes, and other persons, whiche shall here after incurre or falle into the daunger of such penaltie or forfayture, shal be charged only for hym selfe. And none of them to be chargeable to that penaltie for others offence.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that this present acte be nat preiudiciall to any ordynary or other person, whiche nowe haue or hereafter shall haue auctoryte for probate of testamentes, but that euery of them shall and may conuent before them all and euery person or persons made and named executour or executours of any testament, to thentent to proue or refuse the testament or testamentes of their testatour or testatours, and to bynge in inuentories, and to do euery other thynge concernyng the same, as they myght do before the makynge of this acte, so that alwayes any suche ordynary, or other persone or persons hauing such auctorite by them selfe, their commissaries, scribes, regesters, or other mynysters afore sayde, shall not in any wyse take for the same aboue the fees lymytted by this acte, ne in any wyse attempt any thing contrary to any parte of the same acte.

¶ An acte concernyng takynge of mortuaries. Cap. vi.

For as moche as question, ambyguitie, and doubte is chaunced and ryssen vpon the order, maner, and fourme of demaundyng, receyuynge, and claymynge of Mortuaries, other wyse called Corse presentes, as well for the greatnes and value of the same whiche as hath lately bene taken, is thoughte ouer excessiue to the poore people and other persones of this realme, as also for that suche mortuaries or corse presentes haue benne demaunded and leuyed for suche as at the tyme of theyr death haue had no property in any goodes or cattels: And many tymes for trauaylyng and wayfarynge men, in the places where

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they haue foꝛtuned to dye, to the entent that all doubte, contention, and incertaynte, herein may be remoued, and as well the generaltie of the kynges people therin remedied, as also the persons, vycars, paryssche prestes, curates, and other haupng interest in suche moꝛtuaries and coꝛse presentes indifferently pꝛouided foꝛ.

¶ Be it therfoꝛe enacted, oꝛdeyned, and establisshed, by the kinge our soueraygne loꝛde, and the loꝛdes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons of this parlyament assembled, and by auctoꝛitie of the same, that from the first daye of Apꝛill, in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXX. no person, vycar, curate, noꝛ parisshe pꝛieste, ne any other spirituall personne, noꝛ theyꝛ fermours, baylyffes, noꝛ lesses, shall take, receyue, oꝛ demaunde of any person oꝛ persons within this realme foꝛ any person oꝛ persones dyenge within the same, any maner moꝛtuary oꝛ coꝛse pꝛesent, ne any summe oꝛ summes of money, ne any other thynge foꝛ the same, moꝛe than is hereafter mencioned. Ne also shall conuent oꝛ calle any personne oꝛ persons befoꝛe any iudge spirituall foꝛ the recouere of any suche moꝛtuaries oꝛ coꝛse pꝛesentes, oꝛ any other thynge foꝛ the same, moꝛe than is hereafter mencioned, vpon peyne to foꝛfayte foꝛ euery tyme so demaundynge, receyuynge, takynge, oꝛ conuentynge, oꝛ callynge any suche person oꝛ persons, befoꝛe any spirituall iudge, so moche in value as they shall take aboue the summe lymytted by this act. And ouer that. xl. s. to the party greued contrary to this acte, foꝛ the whiche foꝛfayture the partie so greued contrary to this acte, shall haue an action of dette, by wꝛytte, byll, playnt, oꝛ infoꝛmation, in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe, essoien, noꝛ pꝛotection shalbe alowed.

¶ Fyꝛste it is oꝛdeyned, establysshed, and enacted, that no maner moꝛtuary shall be taken oꝛ demaunded of any person, what so euer he be, which at the tyme of his deathe hath in mouable goodes vnder the value of. x. marke. Also that no moꝛtuary shall be gyuen oꝛ demaunded from henseforth of any maner person, but onely in suche place where heretofoꝛe moꝛtuaryes haue ben vsed to be payde and gyuen, and in those places none other wise but after the rate and fourme hereafter mencioned. Ne that any person paye moꝛtuaries in moꝛe places than one, that is to saye, in the place of theyꝛ mooste dwellynge and habitation, and there but one moꝛtuary. Noꝛ no person, vicar, curate, parisshe pꝛiest, oꝛ other, shall foꝛ any persone dienge oꝛ dead, and beyng at the tyme of his deth, of the value in mouable goodes of. x. markes, oꝛ moꝛe clerely, aboue his dettes payde, and vnder the summe of. xxx. pound. take foꝛ a moꝛtuary. iii. s. iiii. d. in the holle. And foꝛ a personne dyenge oꝛ deed, beinge at the tyme of his deathe of the value of. xxx. pounde oꝛ aboue clerely, aboue his dettes paide in mouable goodes, and vnder the value of xl. pounde, there shall no moꝛe be taken oꝛ demaunded foꝛ a moꝛtuary, than vi. s. viii. d. in the holle: and foꝛ any personne dienge oꝛ deed, beynge at the tyme of his death, of the value in mouable goodes of. xl. pound oꝛ aboue, to any summe, what so euer it be, clerely aboue his dettes payde, there shall be no moꝛe taken, paid, oꝛ demaunded foꝛ a moꝛtuarie than. x. s. in the holle.

¶ Prouided alway that for no woman beinge couert baron, nor chylde, ne for any person nat keppynge house, any maner mortuarye be payde, ne that any person, vycar, curate, parisshe preest, or other, aske, demaunde, or take for any suche woman, chylde, or for any persone nat keppynge house, dyenge or deed, any maner thynge or money by waye of mortuarye, ne also for anye wayfarynge man, or other that dwelleth nat ne maketh residence in the place where they shall happen to dye, but that the mortuary of such wayfarynge personnes, be aunswerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payde, and in maner and fourme and after the rate before mencioned, and none other wyse, in the place or places where suche waifarynge persones, at the tyme of theyr deathe had theyr moste habytation, house, and dwellynge places, and no where els.

¶ Prouided alway that it shall be lefull to all maner persones, vycars, curates, parisshe prestes, and other spirituall personnes, to take and receyue any maner summe of money, or other thynge, whiche by any persome dyenge shall fortune to be disposed, gyuen, or bequethed vnto them, or any of them, or to the hyghe aulter of the churche. This acte or any thynge therin mencioned not withstandynge.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no mortuaries, nor corse presentes, ne any summe or summes of money, or other thynge, for any mortuarye or corse present shall be demaunded, taken receyued or hadde, in the parties of wales, nor in the marches of the same, nor in the townes of Caleys or Berwyke, nor marches of the same, but only in such parties and places of wales, marches and townes aforesayde, where mortuaryes hath ben accustomed to be taken and payde. And in those parties and places no mortuaries nor corse presentes, ne any other thynge for mortuarye or corse presente from hensefoorth shall be demaunded, taken, receyued, or had, but onely after the fourme, order, and maner aboue specified in this present act, and none other wyse, ne of any other persone or persones, than is ympytted by this present acte, vpon the peyne aboue conteyned in this present acte.

¶ Prouided also that it shall be lefull to the bysshops of Bangour, Landaffe, sayncte Dauyds, and sayncte Asse, and lyke wyse to the archedeken of Chester, to take suche mortuaries of the prestes within their dioces and iurisdictions, as here to fore haue ben accustomed.

¶ Prouided also that in suche places where mortuaryes haue benne accustomed to be taken of lesse value thanne is aforesayde, that no persone shall be compelled to paye in any suche place any other mortuarye, or more for any mortuary thanne hath bene acustomed, ne that any mortuarye in suche place shall be demaunded, taken, receyued, or had, of any person or persons exempte by this acte, nor in any wyse contrary to this acte, vpon the peyne afore ympytted.

¶ An act ageynst seruauntes imbeselyng theyr maysters goodes. Cap. vii.

VUhere before this tyme dyuers, as well noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpon confidence & trust delyuered vnto their seruãtes their caskettes and other iewels, money, goodes, and cattels, safely to kepe to the vse of theyr said maisters or maistresses, and after suche deliuery the said seruauntes haue withdrawen them selfe and gone away from their sayd maisters or maistresses with the said caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, and cattels, or part therof, to thentent to steale the same and defraude their said maisters or maistresses therof, and some time being with their said maisters or maystresses, haue conuerted the sayde iewels, money, and other cattels or parte therof to theyr owne vse, which misbehauour so done, was dout full in the cõmon lawe, whether it were felony or nat. And by reason therof the forsaid seruantes haue ben in great boldnes to commit such or lyke offẽces. Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed by the kynge oure souerayne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler such seruantes, to whome any suche caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels, by his or theyr said maisters or maistresses shall from hensforth so be delyuered to kepe, ẏ if any suche seruant or seruauntes withdrawe hym or them from theyr sayd maisters or maistresses, & go away with the sayd caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels, or any part therof to the entent to steale the same, and defraude his or theyr sayde maysters or maistresses therof cõtrary to the trust & confidence to him or them put by his or theyr sayd maisters and maystresses, or els beyng in the seruice of his sayde mayster or maystres, withoute assent or commaundement of his maister or maystres, he imbesell the same caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels, or any parte therof, or other wyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to steale it, that if the sayde caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels that any suche seruaunt shall soo go away with, or whiche he shall imbesell with purpose to steale it as is afore sayde, be of the value of. xl. s. or aboue, That than the same false fraudulent and vntrue acte and demenour from henseforth shal be demed and adiudged felony. And he or they so offendyng to be punysshed as other felons be punysshed for felonies commytted by the course of the common lawe.

Prouided alway that this act or any thinge herein conteined shal not in any wise extend or be preiudicial to any apprẽtice or apprentices, nor to any ꝑson within the age of. xviii. yeres, goynge away with his or their maisters goodes, or iewels, or other wise cõuerting the same to his or their owne vses, during the tyme of theyr apprentiseship, or being within the same age of. xviii. yeres, but that euery apprentice or apprentices, such person or persons, being within the said age, doing or offending contrary to this present act, shal be and stand in like case as they and euery of them were before the makinge of this act. The same act to continue and endure vnto the next parliament.

¶ In acte agaynſt kyllynge of Calues. Cap. viii.

FOr as moche as of olde tyme greatte multitude of cattelle was yerely increaſed by weynynge, bryngynge vp, and rearynge of calues throughoute this realme, whereby the numbre of oxen, kyen, and ſteres, were in ſuche abundance and plenty, that befe and all other vittell was thanne good cheape, and ſolde to the kynges ſubiectes at reaſonable peny worthes and prices, vntylle nowe of late yeres paſſed that the breders of ſuch calues of theyr couetous myndes, haue vſed to ſel theyr calues yonge ſuckyng to bochers, waynyng, rearing, and bringyng vp fewe or none, wherby the encreaſe of olde catel: & alſo the encreaſe that ſhuld or might haue comen or growen of the ſame, is maruailouſly minyſſhed and decreaſed, in ſuche wyſe that greatte derthe of cattell and other vyttayle hath and doth dayly ſpryng, growe, continue, and ariſe, throughe out this realme, nat onely to the great enhaunſynge of the prices of beſtes and all maner vyttayle, but alſo to the great mynyſſhinge and enpayrynge of good hoſpitalitie, and extreme vndoynge of the kynges poore and nedy ſubiectes within the ſame, whiche inconuenience and greate ſcarcitie is lyke to enſue and encreaſe more and more, if ſpedye remedy be not prouided in that behalfe.

¶ Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that no maner perſonne or pſons beinge bouchers or other, inhabytynge within this realme, wales, or the marches of the ſame, ſhall from the fyrſte day of January nexte commynge, durynge thre hole yeres than nexte folowynge, kylle or cauſe to be kylled any maner yonge ſuckynge calfe or calues to be ſolde or put to ſale to any perſonne or perſonnes, holle or by retayle, whiche calfe or calues ſoo hereafter to be kylled, ſhall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the ſayde fyrſte day of January, and the fyrſt day of May, in any of the ſayde. iii. hole yeres, vpon peyne of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the ſayde dayes, and kylled and put to ſale contrary to this acte, to be payd and forfayted by euery ſuch boucher or bouchers, whiche ſhal kille or cauſe to be kylled and put to ſale any ſuche calfe or calues, ſoo fallynge and to be calued betwene the ſayde fyrſte daye of Januarye, and the ſayde fyrſte daye of Maye durynge the ſayde thre yeres. The one halfe of euery ſuche forfaiture to be to the vſe of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to the partie that wyll ſue for the ſame by byll, action of det, or information in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoin, nor protection ſhall be alowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaites, profites, and aduantages onely of euery ſuch offender & offenders agaynſte the purueying of this acte within their ſeignories, liberties, and franchelles royal.

¶ An acte limittinge the prce of hattes and cappes, brought from beyonde the sea. Cap. ix.

THe kyng our soueraine lorde by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, hath ordeined, establisshed, and enacted, for the common welthe of the subiectes of this his realme, that no maner persone nor persones, what soo euer he or they be, from the feast of the Purification of our lady nexte commyng do sell or cause to be solde within this realme to any person or persones, any wollen hattes or bonettes, or wollen hatte or cappe, made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of Englande, in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, ouer or aboue the prices vnder wrytten, that is to saye, noo suche cappe or bonette to be solde aboue the summe of .ii.s. sterlynge, and no suche hatte to be solde aboue the summe of .x.d. and no suche single crowned cappe, nor sengle nyghte cappe to be solde aboue the summe of .vi.d vppon peyne to forfayte for euery suche bonette, cappe, or hatte, at any tyme after the sayd feest, to be solde ouer the prce abouesayd, contrary to the tenour of this acte, xl.s. sterlynge: all which forfayture shall extende onely to the losse of the seller or sellers therof, and to none other, the one halfe therof to be leuied and recouered to the vse of our said soueraine lorde, and the other halfe to the party that wil sue for the same in any of our soueraine lord the kinges courtes by action of dette, bylle, information, or other wise, in whiche action or sute no protection, wager of lawe, nor essoin, shalbe allowed or admitted. ¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that euery person or persons, byenge or wearynge any such bonette, cappe, or hatte, made out of this realme, may lawfully at all tymes hereafter, vse, weare, and deteine any suche bonette, cappe, or hatte, cappes, or hattes, without seasure of the same, or any daunger, losse, or other forfayture, or penaltie, to be hadde or suffred for the same. Any matter, clause, or other thyng conteyned or expressed in this presente acte or actes here to fore made to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ An acte agaynste caryenge out of brasse, laten, and copper. Cap. x.

FOr as moche as there is noo myne of metalle of copper, within this realme of Englande founde nor hadde, where sufficiente copper may be gathered for the vse of the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and for the people of this his realme, and also for as moch as dyuers mynes of copper in the parties of beyonde the sea, be nowe lately mynyshed and decayed, by reason wherof the prce of copper is greatly risen, as wel in the parties of beyond the see, as in this realme, of the whiche copper dyuers mettals myxed be made, as well laten, of the whiche

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the founders make dyuers vessells, instrumentes, and other necessary things, as also panne metall, brasse metal, gonne metall, and belle metal, made and wrought by dyuers artificers within this realme, whiche be nowe also at a greate pryce, and also where dyuers within this realme, of late haue caryed and conueyed, and daylye vse to carye and conueye in to the parties of beyonde the sea, moche laten, brasse, and suche metall myxed, as well in olde panne metall, and broken vessells and instrumentes, as in metall shrofte, and other thynges, not onely to the great hurte of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, in lackynge metal to make and furnysshe his ordinaunce, but also to the greate hurte and decaye of all suche artificers, whiche vse to worke any such metal, and to the hurte of al the kynges lyege people, not withstanding that a redresse was cõmuned of by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes of his honorable counsayle in Easter terme laste paste, sythen whiche tyme moche of the sayde metall hath bene conueyed.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that no persone or persones, from henseforth doo conuey or carye any suche metall, whether it be clene or myxed, to any porte, hauen, place, or creke, of this his realme, in any shippe, vessel, or bote, to be caried or conueyed in to any part beyonde the sea, vppon peyne of forfayture of all the sayd metall, in whose handes so euer they be founde or the value of the same, the one moyte of the sayd forfayture to be to our souerayne lorde the kynge, and the other moyte to the vse of hym that shall take or fynde the same forfayture. This acte to continue vnto the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte for restitution of goodes felonously stolen. Cap. xi.

BE it enacted by this present parlyament, that if any felon or felons hereafter do robbe or take away any money goodes, or catteis, frome any of the kynges subiectes frome their person or other wise within this realme: and therof the sayde felon or felons be indyted, and after arrayned of the same felony, and found gylty therof, or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euydence gyuen by the partie soo robbed, or owner of the sayde money goodes, or catteis, or by any other by their procuremente, that than the partie so robbed or owner shall be restored to his said money, goodes, and catteis, and that as well the iustices of gaole delyuere as other iustices, afore whome any suche felone or felons shall be founde gylty, or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the partie soo robbed, or owner, or by any other by theyre procuremente, haue power by this presente acte to awarde frome tyme to tyme wryttes of restitution for the sayde moneye, gooddes, and cattelles, in lyke manner as thoughe any suche fellon or felons were attaynted at the suyte of the partie in appele.

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¶ An acte for true makynge of cables, halsers, and ropes. Cap. xii.

MOste humbly beseechen your hyghnes, the baylyffes, burgeses, and other the inhabytauntes of youre towne and boroughe of Burporte within your countie of Dorsete, that where they out of tyme that no mans mynde is to the contrary, haue vsed, and exercysed to make within the same, the mooste parte of all the greate cables, halsers, ropes, and all other takelyng, as well for your royal shyppes and nauey, as for the mooste parte of all other shippes within this realme, by reason wherof your sayde towne was ryghte well mayntayned and inhabyted, your hyghnes and your subiectes ryghte well serued, vntill nowe of late many dyuers and euell disposed personnes, entendynge the distruction of youre sayde towne for theyr priuate lucre, and aduauntage, haue withdrawen theym selfe in to the countrey in dyuers places, there takynge fermes, and vsing husbandry out of the sayde towne, and also daily resorte to your sayde towne to bye and praupde hempe, and thereof make cables, ropes, halsers, traces, halters and other tacle, whiche cables, ropes, halsers, traces, halters, and other tacle, bene by the sayd personnes sleyghtly and decepuably made, by reason wherof not onely the byers of the same ben continually therby decepued, but also the prices of the sayd cables, halsers, traces, halters, and other tacle therby greately inhaunsed, and your sayde towne or boroughe by meane thereof is lyke vtterly to be decayed, ruyned, and dissolated, if spedye remedye be not by your hyghnes in that case prouyded.

¶ Be it therefore enacted by your hyghnesse, by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, That no maner person or personnes dwellynge or inhabytinge within the dystaunce of fyue myles from the sayde towne or boroughe of Burporte, shall frome hensefortheselle or cause to be solde out of the market, holden and to be holden, within the same towne or boroughe of Burporte, to any personne or personnes, any hempe, whiche shal happen to growe within the sayde fyue myles in distaunce frome the sayde towne or boroughe, vppon peyne of forfayture of the sayde hempe so solde, or to be solde in any place or places within the dystaunce of the sayde fyue myles out of the sayde towne, borough, or markette, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that no personne nor personnes, other than suche as shall dwell and be inhabytauntes within the sayde towne, shall make after the feast of Easter nexte commyng, out of the sayde towne anye cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters, or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within the sayde dystance of fyue myles from the sayde towne, vppon peyne of forfayture of the sayde cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle, made and to be made contrarye to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of euery

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ſuche forfayture, as well of the hempe ſo ſolde or to be ſolde out of the ſayde towne, boroughe, & market, contrary to the forme aforeſayd, as alſo the ſayd cables, halſers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle, made out of the ſayd towne contrary to this eſtatute, to be to the vſe of our ſouerayngne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that wyll ſue for the ſame, by action of Dette, byll, or information, wherin neyther wager of lawe, eſſoyne, nor protection ſhalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that twenty poundes weyghte ſhall be accompted to the ſtone.

¶ Prouided alſo that euery perſone dwellynge within the ſayde dyſtaunce, may make cables, halſers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle for theyre owne vſe and occupations, but in no wyſe agaynſte this acte. This acte to endure vnto the next parlyament.

¶ An acte agaynſt pluralities of benefices, for takynge of fermes by ſpirituall men, and for reſydence. Cap. xiii.

FOr the more quiete and vertuous increaſe and mayntenaunce of dyuyne ſeruyce, the preachynge and teachyng the worde of god, with godly & good example gyuynge, the better diſcharge of curates, the maintenaunce of hoſpitality, the reliefe of poore people, the encreaſe of deuocion, and good opinion of the laye fee towarde the ſpirituall perſons: Be it enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſſhed, by the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that no ſpirituall perſone, ſeculer or reguler, of what degree ſo euer he or they be, ſhall from henſeforth take to ferme to hym ſelfe or to any perſone or perſones to his vſe, of the leaſe or graunte of the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, nor of any other perſonne or perſonnes, by letters patentes, endentures, wrytynges, by worde or other wyſe, by any maner of meanes, any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeres, or at wyll, vppon peyne to forfayte tenne pounde for euery moneth that he or any other to his vſe ſhall occupie any ſuch ferme by reaſon of any ſuche leaſe or graunte hereafter to be made, The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde and the other halfe thereof to euerye ſuche perſon as wyll ſue for the ſame, by originall writte, byll, or playnte of debte or by any information in any of the kinges courtes: In whiche action and ſuite no wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted for the defendaunt, nor any eſſoyne or protection alowed.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the auctorite aforeſayde, that all and euery ſuche ſpirituall perſone or perſons, whiche nowe haue or occuppe in ferme by them ſelfe or by any other to theyr vſe, any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the leſſe, or grante of the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde, or

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any other perſon or perſons, for terme of lyfe or for yeres, or at wyll, by any writing or otherwiſe, or that nowe haue any annual rentes, or other annual aduauntage or profite, by occaſion or colour of any ſuche leſſe or ferme, ſhal clerely bargayne, ſell, gyue, or graunte away on this ſyde the feaſte of ſaynt Myghell the archangell nexte commynge to any ſuche laye perſone or perſons, as they wyl at their owne nomynations & appointement, all ſuch leſſe, terme, intereſt, and profite as any ſuch ſpiritual perſon, or any other to his vſe nowe hath or haue, in, or by reaſon of any ſuche ferme: ſo that in no wiſe any ſuche ſpirituall perſon or perſons at any tyme after the ſame feaſte, by them ſelfe or any other to theyr vſe by any maner of meanes, fraude or male engine, ſhal haue, vſe, or occupy in ferme any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the dempſe, leſſe, or graunte of any perſon or perſons heretofore made, or herafter to be made, to them ſelfe or to any other to their vſes: nor from the ſayde feaſte ſhall take any annuell rente or other annual aduauntage or profite, by occaſion or colour of any ſuche leſſe or ferme by any maner of meanes, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery moneth ſo occupienge any ſuche ferme, at any tyme after the ſayd feaſte contrary to this preſente acte tenne pounde, and vpon peine to forfayte tenne times as moch as any ſuche ſpirituall perſon or any to his vſe, ſhall take in any annual rent, aduauntage or profite, by occaſion or colour of any ſuch leſſe at any tyme after the ſayde feaſte. The one halfe of whiche forfaytures to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll ſewe for the ſame by originalle writte, bylle, or playnte of Dette, or by informacion in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche action and ſuyte noo wager of lawe ſhall be admytted for the defendaunte, nor any eſſoyne or protection allowed.

¶ And be it alſo enacted that all ſuche leſſes made or hereafter to be made, vnto any ſuche ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes, or to any other to theyr vſe, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or at wyll, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof they or any of theym ſhall take any profite, or medlynge by them ſelfe or by any to theyr vſe, after the ſayd feaſte of ſayncte Myghel, by colour of any ſuche leſſe or grant, and nat by them bargayned, graunted, and ſolde away before the ſayde feaſt, as is before limited, ſhall from thenſeforthe be vtterly voyde and of none effecte, as well agaynſte the leſſour or leſſours, grantour and grauntours, theyr heyres and aſſignes, and agaynſte euery of them, as agaynſte the leſſee or leaſſees, and theyr executours and aſſignes, and euery of them.

¶ Prouyded alway that this preſente acte ſhall not extend to any ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes, in, and for takynge to ferme any temporalties, durynge the tyme of vacations, of any archebyſhoprykes, byſſhoprykes, abbeys, priories, or other collegyall cathedrall, or conuentuall churches, nor to any ſpirituall perſone or perſonnes, that ſhall tende or make any trauers vpon any offices or office concernynge his or theyr free holde.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that no ſpiritual perſon,

ſon or perſones, ſeculer or reguler, of what eſtate or degree ſoo euer they be, ſhall from henſeforthe by hym ſelfe, nor by any other for hym, nor to his vſe bargaine and bye to ſell agayne for any lucre, gayne, or profite, in any markettes fayres, or other places, any maner of cattelles, cornes, leade, tynne, hydes, lether, tallowe, fyſſhe, wolle, wodde, or any maner of vittayle, or marchaundyſe, what kynde ſo euer they be of, vppon peyne to forfayte treble the value of euery thyng by them, or by any to theyr vſe bargayned and boughte to ſelle agayne contrary to this preſente acte. And that euery ſuche bargayne and contracte hereafter to be made by them, or by any to theyr vſe contrary to this acte, ſhall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And the one halfe of euery ſuche forfayture to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll ſue for the ſame by original wrytte of dette, byll, playnte, or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche action or ſute no wager of lawe for the defendaunte ſhal be admitted, nor any eſſoyn nor protection alowed.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that if any ſuche ſpirituall perſone or perſones, ſhall happen hereafter without fraude or coulyne to bye any horſes, mares, or mewles to the onely intente to occuppe for hym ſelfe or his ſeruauntes, to ryde to and fro, vpon his neceſſary buſines, or any other cattels or goodes, to the onely intente and purpoſe atte the byenge therof to be employed and put in, and aboute his neceſſary apparell of his owne houſe or of his perſon and ſeruauntes, or in for and aboute the onely occuppenge, manurynge, or tyllage of his owne glebe or demeane landes annexed to his churche, or for the neceſſary expences of his owne houſeholde keppynge. And after the byenge of any ſuche horſes, cattelles, or goodes or exercyſe of them or any of them, happeneth to myſlyke any of them that they ſhulde not be good, profitable, nor conueniente for any of the purpoſes aboue ſayde, for the whiche they were boughte: that then euery ſuche ſpirituall perſone or perſons may laufully bargayne and put away ſuche thynges ſo by hym bought, without fraude or coulyn for any of the purpoſes aboue ſayd at his pleaſure & aduantage: This acte or any thinge therin conteyned not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouyded alway that all abbottes, priours, abbeſſes, prioreſſes, prouoſtes, preſidentes, mayſters of colleges and hoſpitalles, and all other ſpirituall gouernours and gouerneſſes of any ſpirituall monaſteries or houſes of religion, by what name or names, ſo euer they be called, hauing manours landes, and tenementes, heredytamentes, and other yerely profites, in the tyght of their monaſteries or houſes, of the yerely value of. viii. C. markes or vnder, and not aboue, may vſe and occupy as moch and as many of their demeane landes, fee fermes, and fermes to theyr mooſte aduauntage, commodyte, and profite, to and for the onely mayntenaunce of theyr houſeholdes, and hoſpitalytyes, in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or theyr predeceſſours, or the predeceſſours of any of theym, atte any tyme by the ſpace of one C. yeres laſt paſt, before the makynge of this acte, haue done, vſed, and occupied: Any thynge in this preſente acte to the contrary

trary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also, that euery other spirituall persone and persones nat haupnge sufficiente glebe or demaine landes in theyre owne handes, in the ryghte of theyre churches, monasteries, and howses for pasturage of cattels, or for increase of cornes, to and for the onely expenses of theyr householdes, or for their carpages and iourneis, may take in ferme other landes, and bye and sell corne and cattell for the onely manurance, tyllage, and pasturage of suche fermes, so that the increase thereof be alwayes employed and putte to, and for the onely expenses in theyr howseholdes and hospytalyties, and not in anye wyse to bye and selle agayne, for any other commodytie, lucre, or aduauntage anye corne or cattelle, renewynge, commynge, or growynge, in and vppon anye suche ferme or other wyse, but onelye the remayne and ouer plus aboue theyr expenses of theyr howseholdes, if anye suche shall happen to the breed and encreases thereof, without fraude or couyn: Any thynge in this present acte to the contrary hereof nat withstandynge.

¶ And be hit enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that if any persone or persones haupnge one benefyce with cure of soule, beynge of the yerely value of.viii. pounde or aboue, accepte and take any other with cure of soule, and be instituted and inducted in possession of the same, that than and immediately after suche possession hadde thereof, the fyrste benefyce shall be adiudged in the lawe to be voyde. And that it shall be laufull to euerye patron, haupnge the aduouson thereof, to present an other, and the presentee to haue the benefytte of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme as though the incumbent hadde dyed or resygned, any lycence, vnyon, or other dispensation to the contrary hereof obteyned not withstandynge.

And that euery suche lycence, vnyon, or dispensation had, or hereafter to be obteyned contrary to this present acte, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer they be, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And if any person or persons at any tyme after the fyrste day of Apryll, in the yere of our lorde god.M.v.C.and.xxx.contrary to this present act, procure and optayne at the courte of Rome, or els where, any licence or licences, vnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, to receyue, and take, any moo benefyces with cure, than is aboue lymitted, orels at any tyme after the sayde day putte in execution any suche licence, tolleration, or dispensation before that obteined contrary to this acte, that than euery suche persone or persones, so after the sayd day supnge for hym selfe, or receyupnge and takynge suche benefice by force of suche lycence or lycences, vnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, that is to say, the same persone or persones onely and none other, shall for euery suche defaute incurre the daunger, peyne, and penaltie of.xx. li. sterlynge. And also lose the holle profytes of euery suche benefyce or benefyces, as he receyueth or taketh by force of any suche lycence or lycences, vnyon, tolleration, or dispensation. The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the king our souerayngne lorde, and the other halfe thereof to hym that wyll sue for

the ſame by originall writte, byll, playnt of dette, or information in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche action and ſute no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, or protection for the defendant ſhall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte concernynge the nat keppynge of moo benefyces with cure of ſoule than one, extende ne be prejudiciall to any perſone or perſons, whiche at any tyme before the ſayde fyrſt daye of Aprille in the yere of our lorde god. M.v.C. and.xxx. ſhall be really intitled or poſſeſſed of any ſuche benefyces with cure of ſoule, as concernynge or touchyng any of the ſame benefyces, wherof they ſhall than be all redy really intitled or poſſeſſed before the ſayde daye, to or vnder the numbre of .iiii. and nat aboue, and if any ſuche ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes ſoo beynge intitled or poſſeſſed of mo benefyces with cure of ſoule than. iiii. do nat by the ſayde fyrſt day of Aprill clerely and without yerely penſion, reſygne or otherwiſe gyue vp all and euery ſuche benefyces and benefice as he ſhalbe ſo entitled and poſſeſſed of, aboue the ſayde noumbre, that thanne it ſhall be lefulle for euery patron, hauing the aduouſon of any ſuche benefyce ouer the numbre aforeſayde to preſente an other, and the preſentee to haue the benefite of the ſame in lyke maner and forme, as though it had be voyd by death or reſignation of the incumbent, any lycence, vnyon, or other diſpenſation to the contrary hereof optepned nat withſtandynge. And this clauſe of preſentation to be taken and vnderſtanden, and of ſuch benefices with cure of ſoule, as were gyuen to any ſuche ſpiritual perſon after the ſaid numbre of. iiii. benefices with cure furnyſhed and fulfylled.

¶ Prouided alſo, that all ſpirituall men nowe beynge, or whiche hereafter ſhall be of the kynges counſayle, may purchaſe lycence or diſpenſation, and take, receyue, and kepe thre perſonages or benefices with cure of ſoule, and that all other beinge the kynges chapleynes, and nat ſworne of his counſayle, the chapleynes of the quene, prince or princeſſe, or of any the kynges chyldren, bretherne, ſyſters, vncles or auntes, maye ſemblably purchaſe lycence or diſpenſation, and receyue and kepe two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſoule: And in lykewyſe that euery archebyſſhoppe and duke may haue. vi. chapleins, wherof euery one ſhall and may purchaſe lycence, or diſpenſation, and take, receyue, and kepe two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſoule, and that euery marques and erle maye haue fyue chapleynes, wherof euery one may pourchaſe lycence or diſpenſation, and take, receyue, and kepe two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſowle. And that euery viſcount and other byſſhoppe, maye haue foure chapleynes, whereof euery one may purchaſe lycence, and receyue, haue and kepe. ii. perſonages or benefices with cure of ſowle, as is aforeſayde. And that the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beinge, and euery baron and knyght of the garter, may haue thre chapleyns, wherof euery one ſhal nowe purchace licence or diſpenſation, and receyue, haue, and kepe, two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſowle. And that euery ducheſſe, marques, counteſſe, and baroneſſe, beinge wydowes maye haue. ii. chapleynes, whereof euery one of them

theym maye pourchace lycence or diſpenſation to receyue, haue, and kepe two benefyces with cure of ſowle, and that the treſourer and comptroller of the kyng es howſe, the kynges ſecretarie, and deane of his chapell, the kinges amner, and the mayſter of the rolles maye haue euerye of theym two chaplaynes, and the chiefe Juſtyce of the kynges benche oone chapleyne, and the wardeyne of the fyue portes for the tyme beynge, oone chapleyne, whereof euery one maye pourchaſe lycence, and receyue, haue, and kepe, two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſowle. And that the bretherne and ſonnes of all temporall lordes, whiche are borne in wedlocke, maye euery of theym pourchaſe lycence or diſpenſation, and receyue, haue, and kepe as many perſonages or benefyces with cure, as the chaplaynes of a duke or an archebyſſhoppe. And lyke wyſe the bretheyne and ſonnes borne in wedlocke of euerye knyghte, maye euery of theym pourchace lycence or diſpenſation, and receyue take and kepe, two perſonages or benefices with cure of ſowle.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that the ſayde chaplaynes ſo purchaſynge, takynge, receyuynge, and keppynge, benefyces with cure of ſowle as is aforeſayde, ſhall be bounde to haue and exhybyte where nede ſhall be, letters vnder the ſygne and ſeale of the kynge, or other theyr lorde and mayſter, teſtyfyenge whoſe chaplaynes they be, and elles nat to enioye any ſuche pluralytie of benefyces by ſuche chaplayne. Any thynge in this acte not withſtandynge.

¶ Be it alſo prouyded that all doctours and bacheliers of dyuinitie, doctours of lawe, and bacheliers of lawe canon, and euery of theym, whiche ſhall be admytted to anye the ſayde degrees, by any of the vniuerſitye of this realme, and nat by grace onely, may purchaſe lycence, and take, haue and kepe .ii. perſonages or benefices with cure of ſoule, ſo that alwayes the ſayde lybertie by any of the prouiſions before ſayd gyuen to any of the ſaid counſaylours, chapleynes, and other perſones before ſpecified, to purchace lycence or diſpenſation, and take, receyue, and kepe, moo benefyces than one, after the maner and fourme aforeſayde, be taken and vnderſtanden to extende in noumbre to no moo benefyces with cure of ſoule, than is aboue lymitted, accomptynge in the ſame and as parcell therof, ſuche benefyces with cure of ſowle, as any of the ſaid perſons ſhall haue in reall tytle, or in their poſſeſſion, at the ſayd firſte day of Apryll, in the yere of our lorde god M. v. C. and .xxx.

¶ Prouyded alſo that euery archbiſhoppe, bycauſe he muſte occuppe .viii. chapleyns at conſecrations of byſhoppes. And euery byſhoppe, bycauſe he muſt occuppe .vi. chapleynes at gyuyng of orders and conſecration of churches, may euery of them haue .ii. chapleynes ouer and aboue the numbre aboue limitted vnto them, wherof euery one may purchaſe lycence or diſpenſation, and take receyue and kepe as many perſonages and benefyces with cure of ſoule, as is before aſſigned to ſuche chapleyns.

¶ Prouyded alſo, and be it enacted by auctoryte aforeſayde, that noo

perſone or perſones, to whom any numbre of chapleynes or any chapleine by any of the prouiſions aforeſayde is limitted, ſhall in any wiſe by colour of any of the ſame prouiſions, auaunce any ſpirituall perſon or perſons, aboue the numbre to them appoynted, to receyue or kepe any moo benefices with cure of ſowle, than is aboue lymytted by this acte, any thyng ſpecified in the ſayd prouiſions not withſtandynge: and if they do, than euery ſuche ſpiritual perſon and perſons, ſo auanced aboue the ſayd numbre, to incurre the peyne and penaltie conteyned in this acte.

¶ Be it alſo furthermore enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that as well euery ſpirituall perſon nowe beinge promoted to any archedeconry, deanry, or dignitie in any monaſtery or cathedrall church, or other churche conuentuall or collegyall, or beinge benefyced with any perſonage or vycarage, as alſo euery ſpirituall perſon and perſones, whiche hereafter ſhall be promoted to any of the ſayde dignities, or benefices, with any perſonage or vycarage from the feaſte of ſaynt Mychell the archaungell next cummyng, ſhall be perſonally reſident and abydynge in, at and vppon his ſayde dygnitie, prebende, or benefice, or at one of theym at the leſt. And in caſe any ſuche ſpiritual perſon at any time after the ſaid feaſt, kepe nat reſidence at one of his ſayde dignities, prebende, or benefices, as is aforeſayde, but abſente hym ſelfe wylfully by the ſpace of oone monethe togyder, or by the ſpace of two monethes, to be accumpted at ſeuerall tymes in any one yere, and make his reſidence and abydynge in any other places, by ſuche tyme, that thanne he ſhall forfayte for euery ſuche defaute .x.li. ſterlinge. The one halfe therof to the kynge oure ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe of the ſame to the partie that wyll ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes by originall writte of dette, bylle, playnt, or information. In which action and ſuite the defendaunte ſhalle nat wage his lawe, nor haue any eſſoyne or protection allowed.

¶ And if any perſon or pſons procure or obteine at the court of Rome or els where, any maner of licence or diſpenſation to be none reſident at theyr ſayd dignities, prebende, or benefices, contrarye to this acte, that thanne euery ſuche perſone or perſons, puttyng in execution any ſuche diſpenſation or licence for hym ſelfe, from the ſayd firſt day of Apryll, in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. and .xxx. ſhall renne and incurre in the penaltie, damage, and peyne of .xx. pounde ſterlynge for euery tyme ſoo doinge, to be forfayted and recouered as is aboueſaide, and ſuche licence or diſpenſation ſo procured, or to be put in execution, to be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte of none reſidence ſhal nat in any wyſe extende ne be preiudiciall to any ſuche ſpirituall perſon as ſhall chaunce to be in the kynges ſeruice beyonde the ſea, nor to any perſone or perſones goynge to any pylgrimage or holy place beyonde the ſea, during the tyme that they ſhall ſo be in the kynges ſeruice, or in theyr pylgrimages goynge and retournynge home, nor to any ſcholer or ſcholars beinge conuerſant and abidinge for ſtudy, without fraude or coulne, at any vniuerſitie within this

realme,

realme or without, nor to any of the chaplaynes of the kynges or quenes, dayly or quarterly attendynge and abydynge in the kynges or quenes moſt honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any of the chapleynes of the prynce or prynceſſe, or any of the kynges or quenes chyldren, brethern or ſyſtern, attending dayly in their honorable houſeholdes, during ſo longe as they ſhal attende in any of theyr ſayd houſeholdes. Nor to any chapleyne of any archbyſhop or byſhop, or of any ſpirituall or temporall lordes of the parlyament, dayly attendynge, abydynge, and remaynynge in any of theyr honorable howſeholdes. Nor to any chaplein of any ducheſſe, marques, counteſſe, vicoũteſſe, or baroneſſe, attendynge dayly and abydynge in any theyr honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any chaplein of the lord chancellour or treſorer of England, the kynges chaumberlayne or ſtewarde of his houſeholde for the tyme beinge, the treaſorer and comptroller of the kynges moſte honourable howſeholde for the tyme beynge, attendynge daylye in any theyr honorable houſeholdes. Nor to any chapleyn of any of the knyghtes of the honorable order of the garter, or of the chiefe Juſtice of the kynges benche, wardeyn of the portes, or alſo of the maiſter of the rolles. Nor to any chapleyne of the kynges ſecretary and deane of the chapell, or amner for the tyme beynge: dayly attendynge and dwellyng in any theyr houſeholdes, durynge the tyme that any ſuche chapleyne or chapleynes ſhall abyde and dwell, without fraud or couyn. in any of the ſayd honorable houſeholdes. Nor to the maiſter of the rolles or deane of the arches. Nor to any chancellour or commiſſarie of any archebyſſhoppe or byſſhoppe. Nor to as many of the .xii. mayſters of the chauncerye, and .xii. aduocates of the arches, as be, or hereafter ſhall be ſpirituall men, durynge ſo longe tyme as they ſhall occupie their ſayd roumes and offices. Nor to any ſuche ſpirituall perſonnes, as ſhall happen by iniunction of the lorde chauncellour, or the kynges counſayle to be bounde to any daylye apparance and attendance to aunſwere to the lawe, durynge the tyme of ſuche iniunction.

¶ Prouided alſo that it ſhall be lefull to euery ſpirituall perſonne or perſones, beynge chapleyns to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, to whom it ſhall pleaſe his highnes to gyue any benefices or promotions ſpirytuall, to what numbre ſo euer it be, to accepte and take the ſame, without incurrynge the daunger, penaltie, and forfayture in this eſtatute compryſed. And that alſo it ſhall be lefull to the kynges hyghnes to gyue lycence to euery of his owne chapleynes for none reſidence vpon theyr benefices. Any thinge in this preſent acte conteyned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that no ſpirituall perſonne, ſeculer or regular, benefyced with cure, as is afore reherſed, from the feaſte of ſaynct Myghell tharchaungel next commyng, by auctoritie of any maner lycence, diſpenſation, or otherwiſe, ſhall take any pertyculer ſtipende or ſalarye to synge for any ſowle, nor haue or occuppe by hym ſelfe or by any other to his vſe, any perſonage, or vycarage in ferme, of the leeſſe or graunte of any perſonne or perſonnes, nor take any profyte or rent

out of any ſuche ferme, vppon peyne to forfayte .xl. s. for euery ſuche weke that he or any to his vſe ſhall occuppe, or haue any ſuche ſtyppende or ferme contrary to this preſente acte. And vpon peyne to loſe.x. tymes the value of ſuche profite or rente as he ſhall take out of any ſuche ferme after the ſayde feaſte: The one halfe of whiche forfaytures to be to the kyng our ſouerayne lorde, and the other moyte to hym that wyl ſue for the ſame by originall writ, byll, playnte of Dette, or by informacion in any of the kynges courtes, in which ſuite and action no wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted for the defendant, nor any eſſoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that no deanery, archedeaconry, chauncellourſhyp treaſorerſhyp, chaunterſhip, or prebende in any cathedrall or collegiall churche, nor perſonage that hath a vycar indued, nor any benefyce perpetually appropriate, be taken or comprehended vnder the name of benefyce, haupnge cure of ſoule in any article afore ſpecified.

¶ Prouyded alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that no ſpirituall perſonne or perſonnes reguler or ſeculer, of what eſtate, degree, or condition ſo euer he or they be, from the fyrſte day of Aprill nexte cõmynge, haue vſe, or kepe, by hym or them ſelfe, or by any perſonne or perſons to his or theyr vſe or commoditie, any manet of tanne houſe or tanne houſes, to be vſed or occupied to his or theyr owne vſe, commodytie, or behoue, nor frome the ſayde fyrſte day of Aprylle nexte commynge, ſhall haue, vſe, or kepe any manet of brewhouſe or brewhouſes to any other vſe, intente, or behoue, thanne onely to be ſpente and occupied in his or theyr owne houſes, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery moneth ſoo vſynge and occuppenge any of the ſayd miniſteries or occupations .x. li. The one moytie therof to the kinge our ſouerayngne lorde, and the other moytie to hym that wyl ſue for the ſame by originall wrytte, byll, playnte of dette, or informacion in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche action and ſuite no wager of lawe ſhall be admitted for the defendaunte, ne any eſſoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that euerye duches, marques, counteſſe, barones, wydowes, whiche haue taken or that hereafter ſhall take any houſebandes vnder the degree of a baron, may take ſuche noumbre of chapleynes, as is aboue lymitted to them beynge wydowes: and that euery ſuche chaplayne may purchaſe lycence to haue and take ſuche numbre of benefyces with cure of ſoule, and haue lyke lybertie of none reſydence in manet and fourme as they myght haue done if their ſayd ladyes and maiſtreſſes hadde kept them ſelfe wydowes: Any thynge in this preſent acte conteyned to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that euery ſpirituall perſone or perſones, haupnge landes, tenementes, or other poſſeſſions in the ryght of theyr houſes aboue the yerely value of. vnt. C. markes, may kepe and retayne in theyr occupation and manurance, as moche as their ſayde landes, and tenementes, and other poſſeſſions, as ſhalbe neceſſarye and ſufficient for paſturage of theyr cattelles, and for tyllage of cornes to be employed and ſpente for the onelye

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mayntenaunce, ſuſtentation, and keppynge of his or theyr houſeholdes and hoſpitalities, without fraude or coupn: Any thynge in this preſente acte to the contrary therof nat withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alwap that it maye be lefull to euery ſpirituall perſon and perſons to take in ferme any meſes, mantions, or dwellynge houſes, haupnge but only orchardes or gardeynes, in any citie, borough, and towne, for their owne habitation or dwellynge. Any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withſtandynge. So that no perſon ſpirituall other than be aboue prouided for, for theyr none reſydence haue any lybertie of none reſydence by coloure of this prouiſo.

¶ An acte concernynge lynnen cloth, called dowlas and lockerams. Cap. xiiii.

Moſte humble wyſe ſheweth vnto the kynges highnes, and to the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled: The lynnen drapers inhabitauntes within the citie of London, vſynge to ſelle lynnen clothe, called dowlas and lokeram, of the commodities wrought and made in Bpytayne, in the parties beyonde the ſea, that where by al the tyme, wherof mynde of man is nat to the contrary, in the tyme of the kynges moſte noble progenytours, all ſuche marchantes as well engliſſhe as ſtrangers, as at any tyme broughte or conueyed the ſayde dowlas and lockeram in to this realme of Englande, brought and cõueyed the ſame in pece s or halfe peces, euery holle pece of dowlas, conteynynge in lengthe. v. ſcore elles of aſſiſe. accomptynge to euery elle one ynche of aſſiſe, and in brede one yard of aſſiſe, and euerye halfe pete fyftye elles in lengthe, and one yarde in brede of lyke aſſiſe. And all the holle pece and halfe pece of one goodnes in makynge, and as well euery pece of lockeram to be of lyke length, as the holle pece of dowlas, and euery halfe pece of lockeram to be of like length as the halfe pece of dowlas, and euery ſuche holle pece and halfe pece to be in brede a holle yard lackynge a nayle of the yard, and euery pece and halfe pece to be in like goodnes by all the length of the ſame pece, whiche whan it was ſoo vſed, was to the great profite of all the kynges ſubiectes.

And nowe of late within the ſpace of. xx. or. xxx. yeres paſſed, dyuerſſe perſonnes for theyr owne ſynguler lucres, haue brought all the ſayde dowlas and lockeram in halfe peces, whiche halfe peece lacketh in euery ſuche one halfe pece of the due lengthe. iiii. or. v. elles, and ſũme more and ſũme leſſe, beſyde the brede of aſſiſe and accuſtomed, to the great and extreme hurte of the kynges poore ſubiectes, occuppers, byers, and ſellars of the ſame. It maye therfore pleaſe your hyghnes, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, to enacte and eſtablyſſhe, that no perſonne or perſons, engliſſhe nor ſtraunger, denyzen nor alyen, from or after the feaſt

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of ſayncte Myghell the archaungell nexte commynge, ſhall bꝛynge oꝛ conuey, oꝛ cauſe to be bꝛought oꝛ conueyed, by any maner of meanes in to this realme of Englande, any of the ſayde lynnen clothe, called dowlas oꝛ lockerams, ſo to be bꝛought oꝛ conueyed into this realme, not conteynynge the full lengthes, bꝛeades, goodneſſe, and aſſiſes, as is afoꝛe ſayde, and as here to foꝛe in olde tymes hath bene accuſtomed and vſed, vnder peyne of foꝛfayture of the ſame dowlas and lockeram, ſo to be bꝛoughte oꝛ conueyed into this realme, not conteynynge the full lengthe, bꝛede, goodnes, and aſſiſe, oꝛ the value therof, the one halfe to the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛde, and the other halfe of the ſayd foꝛfayture, to hym oꝛ them that ſhall take oꝛ ſeaſe the ſame, oꝛ ſue foꝛ the ſame, by action, oꝛ infoꝛmation, bylle, oꝛ other wyſe. In whiche actions, ſuites, oꝛ infoꝛmation, no wager of lawe oꝛ eſſoyne ſhall be admytted.

¶ An acte that all termers, maye enioye theyꝛ leſſes agaynſt recouerees had by fayned tytles, and falſifye the ſame recouerees. Cap. xb.

VWhere afoꝛe this tyme diuers perſones haue made leaſſes of their manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, ſome tyme by theyꝛ endentures, and ſomtyme without wꝛytynges to other perſonnes foꝛ terme of yeres, takynge of them great fynes foꝛ the incummes of the ſame leaſſes, and after the ſame leſſours, theyꝛe heyꝛes oꝛ aſſygnes, haue cauſed and ſuffred recoueries to be had againſt them in the courte of our ſouerayne loꝛde the kynge, and in other loꝛdes courtes, vppon feyned and vntrewe tytles, by crafte and coueyne to put the ſayde termers from theyꝛ ſayde termes. And after ſuche recoueries had, the ſame recoueroꝛs, by reaſon of ſuche recouerees and iudgementes, haue entred in to the ſame manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, ſo to ferme letten, and therof haue expulſed the ſayde fermers, contrary to theyꝛ ſayde leaſſes, couenauntes, and agrementes. And bycauſe it was doubted to ſome perſonnes, whether the ſayde termers might falſifye ſuche recouerees oꝛ nat.

¶ Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the kynge our ſouerayne loꝛde, by the aſſent of the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the cõmons in this pꝛeſent parliamente aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that all ſuche termers ſhall and may falſifie foꝛ his terme onely, ſuche recouerees, as well here to foꝛe had, as hereafter to be had, in ſuche wyſe and fourme as a tenaunt of a free holde, ſhall and maye do by the courſe of the cõmon lawe, where ſuche tenaunt of free holde was neyther pꝛeuy noꝛ partye to the ſame recouerer. And that the ſame termers, theyꝛ executours and aſſignes, not withſtandynge ſuche recouerees ſo had, ſhall reteyne, holde, and enioye theyꝛ ſayde termes, accoꝛdynge to theyꝛ ſayd leaſſes agaynſte all ſuche recouerees, their heires and aſſygnes, after ſuche recouerye ſo had, ſhall haue lyke remedye agaynſt the ſayde termers, theyꝛ executours and aſſignes, by auowꝛye oꝛ

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action of dette for the rentes and seruyces reserued vppon the same lessees beinge dewe after the same recoueries, and also lyke actions agaynst them for wast done after the same recoueries so had, in like maner & forme as the sayde lessours shulde or myghte haue had, if the same recoueries had neuer be had. And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no maner of statute of the staple, statute marchaūt, nor execution by elegit, be here after auoyded, or in any wyse made frustrate, by meanes of any suche feyned recouery, but that all persons hauyng any landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, in execution, or beynge intytled to haue execution of anye manours, landes, or tenementes, by any suche meanes, shall haue by force of this statute lyke remedy to auoyde and falsifie the same recoueries, as before is ordeined and prouided, for the lessee for terme of yeres.

¶ An acte concernynge artificers strangers. Cap. xvi.

PRayen the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled that where in the. xb. day of February, in the. xx. yere of the reigne of our nowe moste gracious souerayne lorde the kynge Henry the. viii. by our sayde souerayne lorde the kynge, his most honorable counsayle in his sterre chambre at westmynstre for the common welthe of his naturall subiectes borne within this his realme, by great and delyberate aduyse, it was deined, adiudged, and decreed that no straunger artificer, borne out of our sayde souerayne lordes obeysaunce, inhabitinge within anye citie, borough, or any other place within this his realme of Englande, from henseforthe shulde kepe in his or their house or houses, any maner straungers seruauntes, borne out of his obeysaunce, but onely. ii. seruantes straungers and no mo at one tyme. And also all and synguler straungers, that than were, or after the makynge of the sayde decree shulde be made denyzens, that at the tyme or after the makynge thereof, wolde inhabite within the citie of London, suburbes, or within . ii. myles compasse of the same, and kepe or wolde kepe houses, or occupie their craft, shulde be contributories to and with oure sayde souerayne lorde his subiectes artificers within the sayde citie of London, payenge, beatynge, and susteynyng suche charges, as here after shalbe expressed, that is to say that all other straungers artificers, denyzens or no denyzens, of euery handye crafte or misterie, inhabitinge as well within the citie of London, as in any other citie, towne, borough, or village, within this his realme, shulde pay, beare, and susteyne all suche and lyke charges, as our sayde souerayne lord his subiectes of lyke crafte and misterie, do alwayes vse to paye.

¶ And if any of them refused or denyed the same or any parte thereof, than he or they soo denyenge or refusynge soo to do, shulde nat any longer occuppe any handye crafte, vpon the peynes, damages, and perylles, specified as well in the actes or statutes made in the. xiii. and. xb. yeres of the reigne of our nowe souerayne lorde, as in one statute made in the fyrste yere of

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the reygne of kynge Rycharde the. iii. And that the same straungers, denysens or no denysens householders, whiche wold remayne and abyde with in our sayde soueraygne lorde his realme, shulde vppon laufull warnynge to them gyuen, by the mayster and wardeyns of dyuers and sundrye mysteryes, mencioned and specified in the sayde decree within the sayde cyties and townes, presente them selfe in the common halle, or metynge place of the sayde craftes, and there to receyue and take theyr othe, and be sworne vppon the holye Euangelyst before the mayster and wardeyns of their said crafte to be faythfull and trewe to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and his heyres, kynges of Englande, and to be obedyente to hym and theym, and his and theyr lawes.

¶Also that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man borne oute of our sayde soueraygne lorde his obeysaunce, nat beynge denysen, whiche was not a householder, the. xv. daye of Febryary aboue sayde, shulde nat sette vppe ne kepe any house, shoppe, shoppes. or chaumbre, wherin they shulde exercyse or occupy any handy crafte or mysterye within this our sayde soueraygne lorde his realme, vppon peyne to incurre and renne in to suche penalties as be conteyned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted, as is afore sayde. And that none of the sayde straungers artyficers or handye craftes menne, borne out of oure soueraygne lorde his obeysaunce, as well denysens as no denysens, shulde assemble in any company, felyshippe, congregation, or conuenticle but onely in the common halle of theyr craftes with our sayd souerayne lorde his subiectes, which be of the companyes of theyr said crafte or craftes, at such time as they shuld be cõmaunded and warned by the sayde maister and wardens of theyr sayde crafte or craftes, and at none other place and tyme, or in anye other maner, vppon the peyne afore expressed, as by the sayde decree shewed and exemplyfied, and here vnto annexed, vnder our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge his greate seale, more playnely and at large it maye and dothe appere: That for the common welthe aboue sayde, it maye be enacted by the kynge oure souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd order and decree, hadde, gyuen, and made, by oure sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, his most honorable counsaile, and all and euery thyng ther in conteyned, specified, and declared, be holden and obserued firme and stable, and duely to be putte in execution in euery pointe and article, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed, accordynge to the purporte, effecte, and trewe meanynge of the same.

¶Be it further more enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that the acte made in the parlyamente begonne at London the. xv. daye of Apryll, in the xiii. yere of the reigne of our sayde souereigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from London adiourned to westmynster the laste daye of July, in the xv. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, concernynge straungers artificers, for takynge of apprentyces, iourney men, and couenaunte seruauntes,

ſeruauntes, and euery article and prouiſions conteyned in the ſame acte, ſhall be from henſeforthe put in due execution, accordynge to the trewe intente meanynge, and purporte of the ſame, as well within the citie of London, as in all other cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, and the ſame to endure perpetually, any thyng conteyned in the ſayd acte or decree to the contrary nat withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that no artificer, alyant or eſtraunger, borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce, beynge a houſeholder, or inhabytynge within any of the vnyuerſities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or within the ſayncturary of ſaynt Martyn le graunde, within the citie of London, ſhall frome henſeforth haue or reteyne in theyr ſeruyce, iourneymen or apprentiſes, beinge alyantes or eſtraungers borne, aboue the numbre of .x. perſones at one time, vppon peyne of the penaltie conteyned in the ſayde acte, made in the ſayde xiiii. and .xv. yere of our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde: The prouiſions conteyned or ſpecified in the ſame acte nat withſtandynge.

¶ The decree made in the ſterre chaumbre for artificers ſtraungers, by the kynges mooſte honorable counſayll the .xx. day of February, in the .xx. yere of the reygne of our ſoueraygne lorde kyng Henry the .viii.

HEnricus octauus dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie rex, fidei defensor et in terra eccleſie Anglicane ⁊ Hibernie ſupremum caput omnibus, ad quos preſentes littere peruenerint, ſalutem. Inſpeximus quoddam breue noſtrum de certiorand. Thome Eliot clerico conſilii noſtri direct. et in filaciis cancellar. noſtre reſiden. in hec verba: Dilecto ſibi Thome Eliot armigero clerico conſilii noſtri ſalutem. Volentes certis de cauſis certiorari ſuper tenore cuiuſdam finalis decreti coram nobis et conſilio noſtro habit. de et ſuper execucione quorundam ſtatutorū et ordinationum contra alienigen. exercentes artes et artificia manualia, inhabitantes infra regnum noſtrum Anglie edit. ⁊ prouiſ. tibi precepimus, quod tenorem finalis decreti predict. cum omnibus eam tãgentibus nobis in Cancellar. noſtram ſub ſigillo tuo diſtincte ⁊ aperte ſine dilatione mittas, et hoc breue. Teſte me ipſo apud weſtmonaſt. xiii. die Aprilis, Anno regni noſtri. xx. Inſpeximus etiam quoddam decretum per nos ⁊ conſilium noſtrū apud weſtmonaſt. in Camera ſtellata redditum, et in filaciis eiuſdem Cancellar. noſtre ſimiliter reſiden. in hec verba.

WHERE OF LATE our true and faythfull ſubiectes, artificers and handy craftes menne, borne vnder our obeyſaunce, inhabytyng within our citie of London and the ſuburbes of the ſame, exibited vnto vs a lamentable byl of complaynte, conteynynge, that nat withſtandynge many good ⁊ neceſſary ſtatutes

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and actes of parlyament haue ben edified, ordeyned, and made, and especiall one in the fyrste yere of kynge Rychard the .iii. And the other beynge made in the yere of the reygne of our derest father of noble memorye, Henry the. vii. late kynge of this our realme, and in the. xxi. and .xb. yere of oure reigne, concernynge the straungers artificers and handy craftes men, borne out of our obeysaunce, vsynge and exercisynge handy craftes within this our realme of Englande, as well for the restraynynge of the excessiue numbre and vnreasonable behauour of the same strangers artificers borne out of our obeysaunce, whiche by continuall resorte and repayre in to this our sayde realme, dayly increased, to the great detriment of ous owne naturall subiectes, artificers of the same handy craftes and mysteries. And of other sondrye inconueniences, by occasion that dyuers of the sayde subiectes for lacke of occupation, fall vnto ydelnes. As also for the reformation of sundry disceytes and falsehoodes practised by the sayd strangers artificers in theyr sayde handy craftes, to the great damage and losse of vs and of all our sayde naturall subiectes. The said straungers artificers nothyng pondring or dredyng the sayde statutes, ne the penalties in the same conteyned and expressed, cease not contemptuously, as well to abuse the sayde statutes as most parte entierly to infringe and breake the same. And to accumulate from tyme to tyme more offences and enormities, as well agayn our prerogatiue as to the detriment of the common welthe of this our realme, and our louyng subiectes of the same, for whan any serche shalbe made in euery handy craft within any citie, towne, or borough corporate, within our sayde realme by our subiectes, the sayd wardens and others ordeyned by the sayd laste acte of handy crafte men, within any citie, towne, or borough corporate, and one housholder straunger borne oute of our obeysaunce, inhabytynge within our sayde citie, towne, or borough corporate, vsynge any handy crafte, be he denyzen or not denizen, the sayde straunger beinge a householder, as before is sayde, beynge laufully warned and requyred therunto, accordynge to the sayde acte, other wyll refuse to do his duetie therin, or els he wyll gyue secrete warnynge therof to his bretherne of the sayde craftes, wherby they haue not onely conueyed and hydde all theyr vnlaufull, vntrue, subtill, and disceptfull wares, which they vntruly, subtilly, vnsubstantially and disceyptfully haue made, and dayly make, and vtter to our subiectes, at excessiue and vnreasonable prices, to the great detriment and damages of our sayde subiectes, but also theyr seruauntes and prentises, they haue hyd from the knowlege of the sayde wardeyns, whan any suche serche hath hapned to be made, and so they defraude the same good and honorable estatute and acte. So that therof no laufull punysshement coulde, can, mighte or maye ensue, accordinge to the tenure, purporte, and effecte of the sayde statute, but they contempne, dispise, and set at naught the same, wherby and by the other vnlaufull meanes aforesayde, and others, as subtylly sendyng and conueyenge ouer the see, bacon, chese, poudered beffes, muttons, and other commodities within this oure realme, nat onely within and oute of

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the ſayd cities townes, and boroughes corporate, but alſo within and oute of other places throughe out our realme, by them the ſayde ſtraungers practiſed and executed, wherby they daylye increaſe in greatte rychelle, and in great multitude in numbres of ſtraungers handy craftye men, borne out of our obeyſaunce. And whan they haue gathered moche rychelle and money, they agaynſt our lawes conuey the ſame money ouer the ſea. And then they alſo goo ouer the ſea into theyr countreyes, and there pourchaſe them landes and tenementes with parte thereof, and with the reſydewe of the ſame they lyue thereby, and ſome tyme they conuerte parte therof to the vſe of oure ennempes in thoſe partyes. And ſo as well our poore ſubiectes cord wayners, and all our ſubiectes handy craftes menne borne within our obeiſaunce, by the meanes aforeſayde, be ſoore impouerylſhed, mynylſhed, and almooſte vtterly decayed and diſtroyed, and many of theym for lacke of occupation in the ſayde handy craftes, be conſtrayned to lyue in ydelneſſe, by occaſion whereof, they doo continually falle to theſte, murder, and other greatte offences, and conſequently in greate numbres be putte to deathe by our lawes, as we be enfourmed. And alſo the great ſcarſitie of graynе and vittayle at this preſent tyme throughoute this our realme, to be the more enforced, and cauſed by reaſon of the great multitude and continual recours of the ſayd ſtraungers handy craftes men, whiche conſume a great portion of corne and vyttayle, growen and bredde within this our realme. The premyſſes conſydered to the entente to be therof more perfectly and trewely inſtructed, for the charytable zeale that we haue to the common weale of our realme, and our ſayde ſubiectes of the ſame: and for the quietnes of the ſaid ſtraungers, we haue aſſigned & gyuen in cõmandment to our lordes, and others of our counſayle indifferently to examyne the premyſſes, and as wel to here the ſayde complayntes, as the ſayd defendauntes, and their allegiauntes and ſayenges of, in, and to the premyſſes, and to euery parte therof, and the ſame by them harde, examyned, and by good delyberate aduyſe vnderſtanden, to ordeine, adiudge, and decree the ſame, after their wyſedomes and lernynge: whervppon as well the ſayd byll of complaynte, the anſwere of the ſayd defendantes ther vnto made, the replycation of the ſayd complaynantes, to the ſayde anſwere alſo made: And al other allegiauntes and ſayenge of bothe the ſayde parties, by mature and delyberate aduyſe by oure ſayd counſayle rypely examyned, harde, and vnderſtande.

¶ It is ordeyned, adiudged, and decreed, the .xx. day of Februarie, in this preſent terme of ſaynt Hyllary, in the .xx. yere of oure reigne in our ſtetred chaumbre by the moſte reuerende father in god, Thomas lorde Cardynal, legate de latere of the apoſtolyque ſea, archebyſchoppe of Yorke, primat and Chauncellour of Englande, and by our nobles and others of our ſayd counſaile, and by the mutual aſſentes of the complaynantes and defendantes than there beinge in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to ſay, that acordynge to the acte of parlyament made the ſayd .xiiii. and .xv. yere of our reigne, that no ſtraunger artificer borne oute of our obeyſaunce, inhabytynge

tynge within any citie, towne, or boroughe, or any other place within this our realme of England, from thenſforthe ſhall kepe in his or theyr howſe or houſes, any maner of ſeruauntes ſtraungers, borne out of our obeyſaunce, but onely two ſtraungers ſeruauntes, and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the ſtraungers artificers, nowe inhabytinge within anye cytie, towne, or boroughe corporate, or in any other place within our ſayd realme, that wyll be apprentices or ſeruauntes to or with any of our ſubiectes artificers borne within our obeyſaunce, exercyſynge newe or olde ſtuffe, inhabitynge within our ſaydе realme, ſhall be ſuffered ſo to abyde and dwell with them, without interruption, as longe as they wyll ſoo continue and abyde with them and can agre to gyther.

¶ And furthermore it is decreed, that it ſhall be lefull to al and euery of the ſayde ſtraungers artificers, nowe beynge houſeholders within oure ſayde realme, to take as many of our ſubiectes borne within our obeyſaunce, to be theyr ſeruauntes or apprentices, in the crafte that they doo exercyſe, as they can laufully gette. And that all the ſtraungers artificers, nowe beinge houſeholders within our ſayd citie of London, ſuburbes, paryſhes, or compaſſe therof, expreſſed in the ſayde ſtatutes, or within. ii. myles compaſſe of the ſayd pariſhes. And alſo all and ſynguler ſtraungers that nowe be, or hereafter ſhall be made denyſens, that doo or hereafter wylle inhabite within our ſayd citie of London, ſuburbes or pariſhes aforeſayde, or within. ii. myles compas of the ſame, and kepe howſes, and occupie theyr crafte, ſhall be contributorie to & with our ſubiectes artificers within our citie of London, payeng, bearyng, & ſuſteynyng ſuch charges as hereafter ſhalbe expreſſed. That is to ſay, aſwell euery of the ſaid ſtrangers, beinge of the crafte & myſterie of coordwayners, houſeholders, as denyſens that nowe be or hereafter ſhall be made denyſens and ſhall inhabyte within our ſayde citie, ſuburbes, paryſhes, or. ii. myles compas of the ſame, ſhal quarterly pay to the ſaid maiſter wardens and cõmynaltie of the ſaid crafte of Coordwayners within our ſayde citie of London for the tyme beinge. vi. d. And euery ſeruaunte ſtraunger of the ſayde occupation of the ſayde Coordewayners within the ſayde cytie, ſuburbes, and precyncte, not beynge denyſen, ſhall quarterly paye to the ſayde mayſter wardeyns and commynaltie. iii. d. And that all other ſtraungers artificers, and denyzens, of euery handye crafte and myſtery, inhabytynge as well within our ſayde citie of London, as in any other citie or towne within this our realme, ſhall paye, beare, and ſuſteyne all ſuche and lyke charges as oure ſubiectes of lyke crafte and myſterye borne oute of oure obeyſaunce, inhabytynge within the cytie, boroughe towne of theyr inhabytation at this tyme, do beare and ſuſteyne. And alſo all ſtraungers artificers and denyzens, exercyſynge the crafte and myſtery of Coordewayners, dwellynge oute of oure cytie of London in any other citie or towne within this our realme, ſhall paye, beare, and ſuſteyne, ſcotte, tares, tallages, ſubſidyes, preſtes, and all other reaſonable exactions from tyme to tyme, accordynge as the ſayde mayſters, wardens, and companyes,

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of the sayd crafftes for the tyme beinge, shall be bounden to paye, beare, and sustayne, when any subsidie, tare, tallage, or preast or other reasonable charges, shall be by the mayre and aldermen of our sayde citie of London, and the mayres and aldermen of oure sayde other cities and townes, or by the common counsaylle of the sayde cytie, cyties, and townes, of and for any charges or paymentes of money, to be payde by the companies of the sayde crafftes, cytizens of any citie, for any payment to be made vnto the kynges highnesse, or his heires, or elles to be payde for anye cause concernynge the common welthe of any our sayde cities or townes, or common welthe of the sayde artificers, the sayde straunger shall pay all the same, that they shal be assessed or tared to paye, as contributories with the sayde companyes, beynge our subiectes, as our sayde subiectes shal be assessed and tared to pay. And if any of them denye or refuse the same, or any parte thereof, thanne he or they denenge and refusing so to do, shal not only lose the benefyte of this decree, but also shall nat anye longer occupie any handye crafte, vppon the peynes, daungers, and perils specified in the aboue remembred actes and statutes.

¶ And that as well al and euery of the sayd householders straungers afore sayde, as all other straungers artificers, made or to be made denysens, that shall be householders, and inhabyte and occupie any crafte within our said citie, suburbes, or .x. myles compasse of the same, as longe as they shall remayne and abyde within the sayde citie, suburbes, and .x. myles compasse of the same, beynge reasonably requyred and warned by the wardeyns and other persons gouernours in any citie, towne, or borowe corporate of theyr sayd crafftes, within any of our sayde cities or townes corporate, or by any of them for the tyme beinge, or by their lawfull deputyes, or deputie, shall goo with the sayde wardeynes or other gouernours there as no wardeynes be, to make serche, according to the aboue remembred actes of parlyament made in the .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne: whiche yf they refuse to doo, and that proued before the Chauncellour of Englande, or before the mayre of London, and in other cities, before the chyefe personnes of the sayde cities or townes, for the tyme beynge: That than the same householders, or householder soo offendynge, denyenge, or refusynge the same, shall noo longer the same his occupation exercise or vse within this our realme, vpon peyne, perill, and daunger expressed in the afore remembred actes and statutes. And that the same straungers artificers, denyzens or nat denysens, householders, whiche wyll remayne and abyde within oure sayde realme, shall vpon lawfull notice to theym gyuen by the mayster or wardeynes of their crafte, or one of them, personally present theym selfes in the common halle or metynge place of their sayde crafftes, within oure sayde cities and townes there as they be inhabytynge: and then and there euery of theym to receyue and take theyr othes, and be sworne vpon the holy Euangelyst, before the sayd mayster and wardeyns, of theyr sayd craft and mystery within our sayde cities and townes corporate, to be faythfull and trewe to vs and

to our heires kynges of Englande, and to be obedient to vs and them, and our and their lawes, and to all actes, ordinaunces, and decrees, made and confirmed by vs and oure counsayle, or by our counsayle, and dewely and trewely att all tymes, whanne they shall be appoynted by the wardeynes of theyr felowshyppe, crafte, or misterie, for the tyme beynge, or theyr deputies, to make serche with theym, according to the purporte, tenure, or effecte of an estatute and acte of parlyament made in the. xiiii. and. xv. yere of oure reigne, and haue warnynge and monition therof by the wardeyns or any of them, or any other theyr sufficiente deputie or deputies, in that behalfe to them made and gyuen, and that they shall be redye to goo with the sayde wardeyns to make the same serche, and that they shall nat gyue notice to any straunger of the sayde serche, vntyll they with the sayde wardeynes come to gyther to make the sayd serche, and that they shal wel, indifferently and truely behaue them in the same, sette all affection, fauour, malyce, and drede of any creature, and all fraude and discrete aparte, so helpe them god and al sayntes, and by the holy Euangelyst. And theyr othe soo receyued in fourme aforesayd, the sayde straungers shall pay for their admission, according as our sayd subiectes haue alway vsed to pay.

¶It is also further decreed, that no straunger artificer or handye craftes man, borne out of our obeysaunce, nat beynge denyzen, which at the day of the makyng of this decree, is not a householder within this our realme, or kepeth any shoppe or shoppes within the sayde citie and suburbes, or anye other citie, towne, or borough within this our realme, shall from that daye forwarde sette vppe or kepe any howse, shoppe, or chambre, within our citie of London, suburbes, or paryshes beforesehersed, or within any other city towne, borough, or village, within this our realme, wherin he shall exercise & practise any handy crafte or misterie, vpō peine to incurre & renne in suche penalties as be conteined in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted.

¶And that none of the sayde strangers, artificers, or handy craftes menne, borne out of our obeysance, as wel denysens as other, shall assemble in any company, felowshyppe, congregation, or conuenticle, but only in the cōmon halle of theyr craftes, with our subiectes, whiche be of the company of their sayd craft or craftes, at such tyme as they shal be commaunded and warned by the maister and wardens of the sayde crafte or craftes, and at none other place and tyme, or in any other maner, vppon peine afore expressed.

¶Prouided alwaye that this decree and euery parte therof, concernyng the crafte and mistery of Cordewayners shall extende as well to theym that worke olde stuffe, as newe, within our citie of London, the suburbes of the same, or in any other citie, towne, borough, or village, within this oute realme of Englande. ¶Prouided also that not withstandynge anye wordes compryled in this decree, the straungers artificers, denyzens, or nat denizens, inhabytinge in the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, and within the sayncturarye of sayncte Martines le graunde within the citie of London, shall enioye all the benefices, and aduauntages

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reſerued vnto them by reaſon of any prouiſion made by acte of parlyament expreſſed in the ſtatute made in the .xiiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne, Soo that the ſayde ſtraungers denyſens or not denyſens, inhabityng within the ſayd ſayntuarie of ſaynt Martyns le graund, be confirmable to ſuche direction and order as ſhall be taken by the reuerende father in god Cuthberte byſhoppe of London, ſyr Rycharde Broke knyght chiefe baron of our eſcheker, John Moyle knyghte, one of the Juſtyces of oure benche, ſyr John Dauey, and ſyr John Aleyn knyghtes, to whome we haue of late dyrected our letters patentes, and by the ſame gyuen them power and auctorite, and commaundynge them and euery of them to cauſe the houſe of euery ſtranger and denyſen artificer, inhabityng and dwellyng within the ſayd ſanctuarye, to be ſerched and vyewed, howe many ſeruauntes he or they kepe borne out of our obeyſaunce, and they beynge all viewed and ſene, than to appoynt to euery of the ſayde ſtraungers, howſeholders inhabityng within the ſayd ſeyntuarye, by them in fourme aforeſayde ſoo tried, to be within the bondes and limittes of the ſayde ſeyntuarie, ſuche numbre of ſeruauntes ſtraungers, borne out of our obeyſance, as they by their diſcretions ſhal thinke conuenient and ſufficient, and nat to be to any detrimente vnto oure ſubiectes inhabytauntes within our ſayde citie.

¶Alſo commaundynge in our name all and euery the ſayd ſtraungers denyſens, howſeholders that they from henſforthe doo nat kepe within their howſes, or in any other houſe, ſhoppe, or chaumbre within our ſaide citie of London or the ſuburbes of the ſame, any moo ſeruauntes, beynge borne out of our obeyſãce, than ſhalbe to them at that tyme by them appoynted, as they wylle auoyde the daunger and penaltye of oure lawes, and what they haue done in the premiſſes, that they doo certifie to vs and our counſayle in our ſterre chambre at weſtmynſter at the .xv. daye of Eaſter nert commyng. In wytneſſe wherof we wyll as well the ſayd decree as all other the premiſſes, ſhall be exemplified vnder our ſeale.

¶Nos autem tenorem breuis et decreti predict. ad requiſitionẽ magiſtri & gardianorum artis ſiue miſterie aulutariorum ſiue Lordweyners London. duximus exemplificand. per preſentes. In cuius rei teſtimonium has litteras noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teſte me ipſo apud weſtmonaſter. viceſimo die Aprilis, Anno regni noſtri viceſimo.

¶In acte for the adnullynge of the letters patentes made to the citie of Yorke, concernyng ſhyppyng of wolles. Cap. xvii.

WHere as the king our ſouerainge lorde vpon feined ſuggeſtions ſurmiſed to his highneſſe to haue bene for the aduauncement of his auncient citie of Yorke by his letters patentes graunted vnto the Mayre and citeſens of the ſame citie of Yorke, to ſhyppe, conuey, tranſporte, and carye, vnto the porte of Hulle in the countye of Yorke, wolles, and felles, of the growynge of dyuers places in the ſayde countie expreſſed, as in the

ſayde letters patentes maye appere, the tenour whereof hereafter enſueth. Henry the eyght by the grace of god kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the feyth, and of the churche of England & alſo of Ireland in erth ſupreme head, to all & euery our Juſtices, Mayres, Shireffes, bayliffes, cuſtomers, controlles, conſtables, & al other our lieges & ſubiectes, as wel within ỹ libertes as without, greting. Knowe you that we of our eſpeciall grace, mere motion, & liberalyty, hauyng a tender zele & loue to the encreaſe, aduaũcement, & amendment of our auncient citie of Yorke, haue giuen & granted, & by theſe preſentes gyue & grante for vs and our heyres as moch as in vs is, vnto our louyng & humble ſubiectes, the mayre & citizens of the ſayd citie, and to euery of them and to theyr heires & ſucceſſours, and to the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them, as long as they inhabite and dwelle within our ſaid citie, & be free of the ſame, free libertie & lycence from henſeforth from tyme to tyme, to ſhyppe, conuey, tranſporte, and carye vnto our porte of Hull, in our countie of Yorke, and from thenſe to all foreine countreis and regions at their pleaſure, by theym ſelues, theyr apprentices tourneymen, and factours, to their owne vſe onely. All ſuche wolles and felles, whiche any of the ſayde citiſens inhabyted in our ſayde citie, and being free therof by theyr featours and policies or marchandyſe or otherwyſe, may laufully attayne and come by, of the ſayd breede, fallynge, growynge, and increaſynge, within the lymittes and places of Houdenſhire, Marchelande, the honour of Pounfret, Otley, the foreſte of Knareſburghe, Rychemoundſhyre, Cleueland, the foreſt of Gautres, Blackemore, and Yorkeſwold or in any of them in our ſaid countie of Yorke, without any daunger, peyne, trouble, or damage of any of the ſayde citiſens theyr heyres or ſucceſſours, or loſſe ceaſure or forfayture of any of the ſayd wolles or felles, or any of thē or any peyne, puniſhement, or penaltie, for them or any of them, to be had, done, or atempted for, or by vs, or our heyres, or by anye of our miniſters or ſubiectes in our name or to our vſe, or to the vſe of our heires, by vertue of any acte, vſe, ordinaunce, or eſtatute heretofore made againſt any of the ſaide citeſens theyr heires or ſucceſſours, & without any tolle, charge, or impoſition, to be had, perceiued, & taken to our vſe, or to the vſe of our heires, of any of the ſaid citizens for the ſayde wolles and felles, or any of them, other than ſuche lyke cuſtome and ſubſidie, as the inhabytauntes of oure towne of Newecaſtell, for wolles and felles by them ſhipped and tranſported to forein countreis vſe commonly to paye, any acte or ordynaunce heretofore made or to be made to the contrarye not withſtandynge: whiche cuſtome and ſubſidye ſhall be contented to our vſe from tyme to tyme by our ſayde citeſens to our cuſtome of the ſaide porte of Hull, for the tyme beinge. And more ouer we of our eſpeciall grace by theſe preſentes graunt vnto the ſayde Mayre and citeſens, that theſe our preſente letters of licence ſhall be to the ſaide mayre and citeſens, and to euery of theym, to theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, and to the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them at all tymes here after good and auaylable for euer, againſt vs and our heires, in, and

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for the premisses, and for euery of them, accordynge to the tenure therof, in euery behalfe without any restraynt, repeale, diminution, or reuocation, here after to be had or made therof, or of any parte of the same, all be it there be no expresse mention of the verye value and certeyntie of the premisses in these our letters specified, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made, or to be made to the contrary not withstandynge. And the sayd Mayre and citezens shall haue these our present letters of lycence vnder our greatte seale, without any fyne or fee to our vse in our hamper thereof to be payde, and without any further warraunt to be opteyned of vs, to be dyrected to anye of oure mynisters and offycers in that behalfe. In wytnesse whereof we haue caused these oure letters patentes to be sealed with oure greatte seale, atte Hampton courte, the. xxii. day of Auguste, the. xv. yere of our reigne. Sythen the whiche letters patentes, the sayde citie is thereby nothynge helped ne encreased accordynge to the sayd surmyse, nor the comminaltie therof in any thynge therby encreased or auanced, but suche profite as dyd growe by reason of the sayd letters patentes, came to the handes of. iii. or. iiii. persons there onely, contrary to the intent and meanynge of oure sayde soueraygne lorde: by reason whereof oure sayde soueraygne lorde hath susteyned, and dayely doth susteyne great losses in his customes of wolles and felles: and the clothears there lacke the wolles, wherwith they vsed to make cloth with in the sayde countie, whiche in lengthe shulde nat onely growe to the hurte of all the kynges poore subiectes, that be occupyed with makyng of clothe in those parties, but also to the kynges disinheritance and mynishynge of his sayde customes, if it were continued. In consyderation whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, by the aduyse of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the assent and auctoritie of the same, that the sayde letters patentes and euery thynge therin conteyned, be from hensforthe adnulled, repelled, and voyde, and of none effecte. And that the sayde mayre and citezens, nor theyr heyres, nor successours, shall nat haue ne take from hensforth any auantage, profite, or commoditie, by reson of the same letters patentes or of any lycence and graunte, or any other thynge therin conteyned in any wyse. ¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that no citizens or inhabytantes within the sayd citie, whiche before the fyrste daye of this present parlyament, haue shypped, conueyed, or caryed anye wolles or felles into the sayd porte of Hulle, by vertue and auctorite of the kynges sayde letters patentes, be charged ne chargeable vnto the kynges highnes, for or with more payment, charge, or imposition for the said wolles or felles or any of them, other than with suche lyke custome and subsidie, as the inhabitantes of the towne of Newecastell, for wolles and felles by theym shipped and transported vsen cõmonly to pay, accordinge as is afore rehersed in the letters patentes, and no further ne otherwyse, any information or other charge or matter had, made, or hereafter to be made or had in the kynges eschequer, or otherwise for the same to the contrary not withstandynge.

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¶ An acte concernynge Newecastel vpon Tyne, and the porte and hauen there vnto belongynge. Cap. xbiii.

Umbly shewen to your hyghnes your trewe and faythefull subiectes, the Mayre, burgeyses, and comminaltie of your towne of Newecastell vpon Tyne, that where your grace and your moste noble progenytours kynges of Englande, tyme out of mynde haue ben seased of the sayde towne, and of the portes and hauen of the ryuer of Tyne there vnto belongynge, and of all grounde with water couered within the sayde ryuer of Tyne, from one place in the mouth of the sayde ryuer called the Sparhauke, to one other place in the same ryuer, called Hedwynstremes, in theyr demeane, as of fee, in ryght of theyr crown of Englande, and as parcell of the same. And durynge all the sayde tyme, all maner of person or persons, as well free men, as straungers & denisens, applyenge or commynge in the sayde porte, hauen, and ryuer from any parties of beyonde the see, or of this realme of Englande with shyppes or other vesselles, charged or loden with anye maner of wares, or marchaundises, or shyppynge, chargyng, or lodyng, any shyppes or vessells, with any kynd of marchaundises to be conueyed out of this sayde porte and hauen, to any parties of this realme of Englande, or els where out of this sayde realme, haue alwayes durynge all the sayde tyme, vsed to charge, & discharge, lode and vnlode theyr sayde goodes, wares, and marchaundyses, at the sayde towne of Newecastell, and no where elles within the sayd porte and hauen and there haue alwayes payed to your sayde hyghnes and your sayde moste noble progenytours, all customes, subsidies, tolles, and other thynges due for the same amountyng yerely to the summe of fyue hundred poundes and aboue, wherof your sayd progenitours, your hyghnes, and your assignes, haue ben hitherto duely and truly answered and payed, as in your escheker more ample and at large dothe appere. The whiche your towne of Newecastell is, as well in tyme of warres as of peace, the chiefe key, relyefe, and defence of all the partes of this your realme there vnto adioynynge. And by reason of the sayd lyberties, and franchesses, your sayde towne hath ben to this time well replenisshed and maintayned. In so moche as the inhabitauntes of your sayde towne of late dayes, haue benne able to serue your highnes in your warres with .iiii. C. maryners or mo, apte and able persons for that purpose, tylle nowe of late that dyuers greate personages, as welle spirituall as temporall, haueynge landes adioynynge to the sayde porte and ryuer, betwene the sayde towne of Newecastel and the sea, apte and easy for chargyng and dischargynge of shyppes and marchaundises, haue charged and dyscharged, loded and vnloded dyuers shyppes and marchaundyses within the sayde porte and hauen at the sayd places, nat payenge therefore any customes or other dueties to your highnes, by meane wherof your said towne is lykely to come to vtter decaye and ruine. And the inhabytauntes of the same to refuse and relynquysshe the sayde towne, and to repayre and

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reſorte to the ſayde places, to the greatte diſherſon of your hyghneſſe, and mynyſhement of your cuſtomes, ſubſidies, and duetics, and profittes, cuſtomably payde at your towne and port aforeſayde. And alſo where dyuers wayes and fyſſhegates of late tyme haue ben made, tered, fired, and ſett in the ſayde porte and ryuer of Tyne, betwene your ſayde towne and the hyſee, by dyuers perſones haupnge great landes and tenementes adioynynge to the ſayde ryuer, mooſte ſpecially within the byſſhoprych of Durhame, where your gracious writtes doth not ronne, and where your commiſſions out of your courte of Chauncery or other your courtes, do not take anye effecte, By meane wherof great ſande beddes, and grauell heapes be growen and caſt vp in the ſayde ryuer and porte, ſo that within fewe yeres to come, no ſhyppe of good burden or weight ſhall be able to come or reſorte to your ſayd towne, to the ineſtimable hurte of the countreys therynto adioynynge, and to the great damage of this your realme, ſpecially to all perſonnes nedinge ſee cooles, whiche be onely conueyed from the ſayde porte of Newecaſtell, and in no where els had or to be ſhypped within this your realme.

¶ In conſideration wherof it maye pleaſe your hyghneſſe of your mooſte abundaunte grace, with the aſſente of your lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctoryty of the ſame, to enacte, ordeyne, and eſtablyſhe, that frome henſeforthe any marchant or marchauntes, or any other perſon or perſons, ſhal not ſhyp, lode or vnlode, charge or diſcharge any maner of goodes, wares, or marchãdiſes to be ſolde here within this your realme or els where, in, to, or tō any ſhyp or ſhippes, or other veſſels, in or at any place or places within the ſayde port ryuer and hauen, betwene the ſayd place called the Sparhauke, & the ſayd place called Hedwynſtremes, but onely at the ſayde towne of Newecaſtell, and no where els, vpon peyne of forfayture of all ſuche goodes, wares, and marchaundiſes to the kynge our ſayde ſouereigne lorde, and to his heyres kynges of Englande, and that it ſhall be lefull vnto the mayre, burgeſes & cōminaltie of the ſayde towne of Newecaſtell, and their ſucceſſours, and al other the kynges offycers there for the tyme beyng, for to take and ſeaſe all that ſayde ſuche forfayt, goodes, wares, and marchandiſes to the vſe of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, and of his heires, and the value thereof to be anſwered in his eſchequer.

¶ Be it alſo enacted ordeyned and eſtablyſched, by the auctoritie aforeſayde that euery owner, fermer, and occupier of the ſayde weyres, gores, and engyns and euery of the ſame, do abate, put downe, and put awaye the ſame waires, gores, & engins, on this ſide the feaſte of Eaſter next cominge. And that no maner perſon or perſones from henſforth areyſe, leuye, or make any maner weire, gore, or engin in the ſaid hauen betwene the ſayde places called Sparhawkes & Hedwinſtremes, vpon peine of C. li. of lauful engliſhe money for euery time they do the cōtrary, wherof the one halfe ſhalbe to our ſoueraygne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym or them that wyll ſue therfore by action of dette, bille, playnt, or informacion in any of the kinges

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courtes, wherin the partie defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor in the action any essoin, licence, ne protection be allowed.

¶ And further it shall be lawfulle at all tymes after the feaste of whytsontyde next commynge, to the Mayre, burgeses, and comminaltie of the said towne of Newecastell and theyr successours, to abate, plucke downe, and take awaye all and euery of the sayde weyres, gores, and engins, that shal be than founde standynge in any place within the sayde porte and hauen, betwene the sayd places of Sparhawke and Hedwynstremes, and that here after shall be newely made, leuied, and areted any where within the same, without trouble, let, or vexation of any maner person or persons, by sute in the lawe or otherwyse.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte be not preiudiciall or hurtefull to any persone or persons beinge the kynges subiectes, for byenge, shyppyng, loding, or vnlodyng of any salte or fisshe within the sayd ryuer and porte, or to any of them, or any other persone or persons, repayryng to the sayde porte with shyppes and marchaundises, for sellynge or bienge of any wares or marchãdises, nedefull for the bytellynge and amendynge of theyr sayde shyppes, at the tyme of theyr there beinge within the sayde porte: This acte or any thynge comprised in the same, not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge auowries. Cap. xix.

Where as well the noble men of this realme, as dyuers other persones, by fyries, recoueries, graunttes, and secrete feoffementes and leases, made by theyr tenantes too persones vnknowen, of the landes and tenementes holden of theym, haue ben put from the knowlege of their tenauntes, vppon whome they shulde by order of the lawe make theyr auowries for their rentes, customes, and seruices, to their great losses and hinderances.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, establysshed, and ordeined, by auctorytie of this present parlyament, that where so euer any maner landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes be holden by any maner person or persons, by rentes, customes, or serupces, that if the lorde of whome any suche maner landes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamentes be so holdẽ, distraine vpon the same manours landes or tenementes, for any such rentes, customes, or seruices, and repleuine therof be sued, that the lorde, of whome the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes be so holden, may auowe, or his bailiffe or seruaunt make comisance, or iustifie for takynge of the sayde distresses, vppon the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so holden, as in landes or tenementes within his fee or seignorye, allegynge in the sayde auowrye, comisance, & iustification, the same manours, landes, and tenementes to be holden of hym without namynge of any persone certeyne to be tenaunte of the same, and without makynge any auowrye, iustification, or comisaunce vpon any person certayne. And lyke wyse the lorde, baylye, or seruaunt, to make auowry,

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iuſtification or conyſaunce, in lyke maner and fourme vppon euery writte ſued of ſeconde delyuerance.

¶ And alſo be it enacted by the ſayde auctoritie, that euerye auowant, and euery other perſon and perſons that make any ſuche auowrie, iuſtification, or conyſaunce, as bayliffe, or ſeruaunt to any perſone or perſones in any replegiare, or ſeconde delyueraunce, for rentes, cuſtomes, ſeruices, or for damage feſant, or other rent or rentes, vpon any diſtreſſe taken in any landes or tenementes: If the ſame auowrie, conyſaunce, or iuſtification be founde for theym, or the playntyffes in the ſame be nonſuite or otherwiſe barred, that thanne they ſhall recouer their damages and coſtes agaynſte the ſayde playntifes, as the ſame playntifes ſhulde haue doue or had, if they had recouered in the replegeare, or ſeconde delyuerance, founde agaynſt the ſayd defendauntes.

¶ And be it alſo ordeyned, that the ſayd pleyntyffes and defendantes in the ſayde writtes of replegiare, or writtes of ſeconde delyueraunce, and in euery of theym, ſhall haue lyke plees and lyke ayde & prayers in all ſuch auowtyes, conyſaunces, and iuſtifications, Pleas of diſclayñ onelye excepte, as they myght haue hadde before the makynge of this acte, and as though the ſayd auowrie, conyſaunce, or iuſtification hadde ben made after the due order of the common lawe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the ſayde auctoritie, that all ſuch perſonnes, as by the order of the common lawe may lawfully ioyne to the playntifes or defendauntes in the ſayde writtes of replegiare or ſeconde delyueraunce, as well without proceſſe as by proceſſe, ſhall frome henſforthe ioyne vnto the ſayd plaintiffes or defendantes, as well without proceſſe as by proceſſe, and to haue lyke plees and lyke auauntages in all thynges (diſclayñ onely excepte) as they myght haue done by the order of the common lawe, before the makynge of this acte.

¶ An acte that the preſident of the kynges counſayle ſhall be aſſociate with the Chauncellour and Treſorer of Englande, and the keper of the kynges priuie ſeale. Cap. xx.

WHere at a parlyament holden at weſtmynſter in the. iii. yere of the reigne of our late moſte dredde ſouerayne lorde kyng Henry the. vii. for as moche as by the vnlaufull maintenances, gyuing of lyueries, ſignes, tokens, and retayndours, by indentures, promyſes, othes, writinges or otherwyſe, endeauerres of his ſubiectes, vntrewe demeanynge of ſheryffes in makynge of panelles, and other vntrewe returnes, by takynge of money by iuries, and great riottes and vnlaufull aſſemblies, the polyce and good rule of this realme was almoſte ſubdewed. And for the puniſchemente of theſe inconueniences by the occaſion of the premyſſes, nothynge or lyttell myght be founde by enquery, whereby the lawes of the landes in execution myght take lyttell effecte, whi-

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the was to the encreace of murders, robberies, periuries, and vnsuerties of all men lyuyng, and losses of theyr landes and goodes, to the great displeasure of almyghtye god: For reformation of whiche premysses, it was ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of the sayde parlyament amongest other thynges, that the Chauncellour and Treasourer of England for the tyme beinge, and the keper of the kynges priuie seale, or. ii. of them, callynge to them a bysshoppe and a temporall lorde of the kynges mooste honorable counsayle, and the. ii. chiefe iustices of the kynges benche, and the common place for the tyme beynge, or other. ii. iustices in theyr absences, vpon byll or information put to the sayde Chauncellour for the kynge, or any other againste any person for any mysbehauynge afore rehersed, shulde haue auctoritie to calle before theym by wrytte or by priuie seale the sayde mysdoers. And they and other by theyr discretion, by whom the truthe myghte be knowen, to examyne. And suche as they shuld fynd defectiue, to punisshe them after theyr demerytes, after the forme and effecte of statutes thereof made, in lyke maner and fourme as they shuld and oughte to be punysshed if they were therof conuicte after the dewe order of the lawe, as by the same statute amonge other thynges nowe playnely dothe appere. Neuer the lesse in the same good and profitable estatute, the president of the kynges mooste honorable counsayle, for the tyme beynge, attendynge vppon his mooste noble and royall personne, is omitted and not named in the sayde fourmer statutes, made in the iii. yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the. viii. too be one of the sayde persones, that sholde haue auctoritie to calle before theym suche misdoers so offendynge the kynges lawes in any of the premysses, as is before reherſed.

¶ Be it therfore nowe by the auctoritie of this present parlyamente ordeyned and enacted, that frome henseforthe the Chauncellour, Treasourer of Englande, and the president of the kynges mooste honorable counsayle, attendynge vpon his mooste honorable persone, for the tyme beyng, and keper of the kynges priuie seale, or two of them, callynge vnto them one bysshop, and one temporall lorde of the kynges mooste honorable counsayle, and the two chiefe iustices of the kynges benche, and the common place for the time beinge, or other two of the kynges iustices in theyr absence, vpon any bylle or information here after to be put in, the Chauncellour of Englande, Treasorer, president of the kynges sayde mooste honorable counsayll, or keper of the kinges priuie seale for the time being, for any mysbehauynge before reherſed, from henseforth, haue full power and auctoritie to call before them, by writte or priuie seale, suche mysdoers, and them & other by theyr discretion, by whom the truthe maye be knowen, to examyne. And suche as they shall fynde defectyue, to punysshe theym after theyr demerytes, after the fourme and effect of the sayd former estatute, and of al other statutes thereof tofore made, and nat repelled nor erpyred, in lyke maner and fourme as they shulde and oughte to be punysshed, if they were thereof conuicted after dewe order of the kynges lawes.

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¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the President of the kynges said moste honorable counsayl, for the tyme being, if he be than present, may be at al tymes here after associate with the Chauncellour, Treasorer of England, and keper of the kynges priue seale for the tyme beynge, as welle acte the nampynge of sherysses and settynges of prices of wynes, as at all other actes lymitted and appoynted by anye statute to be done by the sayde chauncellour, and Tresorer, or keper of the kinges priue seale, for the tyme beynge: Any acte, statute, or vse heretofore made or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for Yermouthe concernynge makynge of worstedes. Cap. xxi.

Where at a parlyament holden at London the. xb. day of Aprill, in the. xiiii. yere of our soueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thense adiourned to westmister the laste daye of July, in the. xb. yere of our sayde soueraygne lorde, and there ended, It was ordeyned, enacted, and establysshed, that the craftes men, called worstede weauers, inhabyted in the towne of great Yermouth, shuld haue power and auctoritie by that acte, frome thensefoorwarde to electe and chose yerely for euer on the monday nexte after the feast of Penthecost, one honest man of the mystery and occupation of worstede weauers, beinge an householder within the sayde towne of greate Yermouthe, and haynge of his proper goodes and catteles, to the value of ten pounde at the leaste, or landes and tenementes to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the leste, to the clere yerely value of. xx. s. to be wardeyne of the same crafte & mysterie of worstede weauers, for the yere nexte ensuynge, whiche man soo elected and chosen, shulde personally appere before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche, for the tyme beynge, the mondaye nexte after the feaste of Corpus Christi than next ensuynge, than and there to be sworne and charged by like othe, concernynge the trewe and substanciall makynge of worstedes, sayes, and stamyns, within the sayde towne of great Yermouth, as the foure wardeynes of the sayde citie of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of parlyamente made in the. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, were charged & sworne for the same citie of Norwyche. And if the sayde mayre happened to be absente the sayde mondaye nexte after Corpus christi, or els than refused to receyue or take the sayde othe, than the sayd warden so electe within. iiii. daies nexte after the same monday, shulde come before the baylyffes of the sayde town of great Yermouth for the tyme beyng, or before one of them, the other beinge absent, and then and there receyue a corporall othe for the true exercisynge of the same office of wardenshyp, after the tenour of the othe accustomable, vsed to be gyuen to the sayde wardeyns of the sayde citie of Norwyche. And than the sayd wardeyne of the sayde towne of great Yermouthe for the tyme beinge, so electe and sworne, myghte ordeyne and appoynte a

ſeale with this letter. Y. to be grauen in the ſame ſeale, and myght haue ful power and auctoꝛitie to viewe, ſerche, ſeale, and ſeale in leade with the ſame ſeale, ſo to be appoynted and engrauen, and none other, all woꝛſtedes, ſayes and ſtampns, within the ſayde towne of Yermouthe, and ſuburbes of the ſame, made oꝛ to be made, and nat elles where, in as large and ample maner as the ſayde wardeyns of the ſayde citie of Noꝛwyche, and the wardens of the countye of Noꝛff. oꝛ any of them had within the ſayde citie oꝛ county, oꝛ in any wiſe maye doo in that behalfe by auctoꝛitie oꝛ vertue of the afoꝛe remembꝛed acte, made in the ſayde. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. any thyng in the ſame conteyned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And that noo perſonne, inhabyted within the ſayde towne of great Yermouthe oꝛ ſuburbes thereof, ſhoulde weaue anye woꝛſtedes, ſayes, oꝛ ſtampns within the ſame towne, excepte he be an englyſſhe manne boꝛne, and had bene appꝛentice to the ſayde occupation, and withoute he weaued there ſuche pꝛopꝛe markes as ſhulde be limitted and appoynted by the ſayd wardeyn of the ſayde towne, foꝛ the tyme beynge, electe and ſwoꝛne as is afoꝛe ſayde, vpon peyne of foꝛfayture thereof to the kynge our ſoueraygne loꝛde. And that euery warden of the ſayd towne ſhulde lymitte diſtincte and ſeuerall markes to euery of the ſayde woꝛſtede weauers of the ſayde towne of great Yermouth. And the ſame markes by the ſayd wardeyn to be regeſtred in a booke. And alſo it was further enacted, that if, and whan ſoo euer the towne of Lynne ſhulde be inhabited with. x. ſondꝛye houſeholders oꝛ moꝛe numbꝛe of houſeholders, exerciſynge & vſynge the ſayde crafte oꝛ myſterye of woꝛſtede weauers, than and from thenſefoꝛthe, that is to ſaye, as longe as the ſame towne of Lynne ſhulde be inhabited with the noumbꝛe of. x. ſuche houſeholders at the leaſt, it ſhoulde be lefull to the ſame inhabytauntes of the ſayde towne of Lynne, yerely in the monday nexte after the feaſte of Penthecoſt, to electe and chooſe of them ſelfe one wardeyne of the ſayd crafte and myſtery of woꝛſtede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes, as is afoꝛeſayde of the wardeyne of yermouth, whiche warden ſo elect ſhuld yerely be ſwoꝛne and charged at the ſayde citie of Noꝛwyche, in lyke maner and at lyke day as is before limitted to the wardeyns of yermouth, oꝛ in defaute of the ſayde Mayꝛe of Noꝛwiche, than the ſayde wardeyne ſoo to be electe foꝛ the ſayde towne of Lynne, to take a coꝛpoꝛal othe befoꝛe the mayꝛe of the ſayde towne of Lynne, within ſuche tyme and after ſuche fourme as is befoꝛe lymytted vnto the ſayde wardeyn of yermouth.

¶ And that the ſayde wardeyne of the ſayde towne of Lynne, foꝛ the tyme beynge, ſo electe and ſwoꝛne by hym ſelfe myghte oꝛdeyne and appoynte a ſeale with this letter. L. to be grauen in the ſame ſeale, and myght haue full power and auctoꝛitie to viewe, ſerche, ſeale, and ſeale in leade, with the ſame ſeale ſo to be grauen, and with none other, all woꝛſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampnes, within the ſayde towne of Lynne, and ſuburbes of the ſame, made oꝛ to be made, and not elles where, in as large and ample maner as the ſayde wardeyne of the ſayde citie of Noꝛwiche, and wardeyne of the ſayde countie of

Noꝛff.

Norff. or any of them had within the sayde cytie or countie, or otherwyse myghte doo by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesayde acte, made in the sayde vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, Any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge. And that no person inhabyted with in the sayde towne of Lynne, or suburbes thereof, shoulde make any worstedes, sayes, or stamyns, within the same towne, excepte he were englysshe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same occupation, and without he weaued therin suche propre marke, as shoulde be lymytted and appoynted by the sayde wardeyne of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge, vppon peyne of forfayture therof to the kynge oure soueraygne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the sayde towne shoulde lymitte distyncte and seueralle markes to euery of the sayde worstede weauers of the same towne, And the same markes by the sayde wardeyne to be regestred in a booke.

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feast of saynt Mychaell the archaungell thanne nexte folowynge, vnto suche tyme as the sayde towne of Lynne shoulde be inhabyted with the said numbre of tenne householders of the sayde crafte of worstede weauers, and alwayes after, whan that numbre of tenne householders shoulde happen to fayle, and not be inhabyted in the sayd towne of Lynne, the sayde wardeins of the sayd citie of Norwyche and theyr successours shulde procure and cause one of theym selues, or one of the wardeynes of the sayde crafte of the sayde countie of Norff. personally to come and be euery. xxviii. day, from and after the sayde feast of saynte Mychaell the archangel, in, and to the sayde towne of Lyn, or within. vi. dayes nexte after euery suche. xxviii. day. And there to continue and abyde by soo longe tyme as he myght serche and seale all suche worstedes, sayes, and stamyns, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shulde be brought to him to be sealed within the space of one hole daye. And the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the same towne of Lynne beynge, shoulde contente and paye to the sayde wardeyne of Norwyche or Norffolke, whiche shoulde so come to Lynne in the sayde. xxviii. daye, or within the. vi. dayes nexte after the sayde. xxviii. daye, for his costes and expences for euery time that he shulde so come to Lyn betwene the feastes of saynt Myghel the archaungell, and the Annunciation of our lady saynt Marye. iii. s. And for euery tyme that he shulde so come to the sayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady, and the feaste of saynte Myghell the archaungelle. ii. s. And if the sayde inhabytauntes of worstede weauers of the sayde towne of Lynne, dyd not contente and pay to the sayde warden comynge to Lyn in fourme aforesayde, for his sayd costes and charges the sayd. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue limitted: than the same inhabytauntes shulde forfayte and pay to the sayde wardeyne or to his executours for euery such defaute of payement. xl. s. And if none of the sayd wardeyns of Norwich and Norfolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne, for the cause aforesayde, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayd wardeynes of the sayde cytie of Norwyche shulde forfayte and paye to the sayde inhabytauntes of

Lynne, of the sayde mysterie of worstede weauers for euerye suche defaute xl.s. for recompence of whiche penaltie and forfaytures the sayd wardeynes of Norwyche or Norfolke, beynge there vnto entytled by that acte, by his propre name, with this addition, that is to saye, *Vnius gardianorum*, or *Nuper vnius gardianorum artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei Vocat. vvorsted. in ciuitate Norvvici, vel comitat. Norff.* as the trouthe requyreth, shulde and myght haue action of dette, by wrytte, byll, or playnte, in any competente or lawfull court of this realme, agaynste the inhabytauntes of Lynne, of the sayde mystery for the tyme beinge by theyr sondrye propre names. And the sayde inhabytauntes by their sayde names with this addition, *Textorum panni lanei vocat. vvorstedes inhabitantes ville de Linne*, shulde and myght haue lyke actions of dette against the sayde wardens of Norwyche, by the name of *Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum vocat. vvorstedes, infra ciuitatem Norvvici, vel com. Norff.* to be vsed to good congruities of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme: In whiche actions, or any of them, none essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe shuld be suffered or allowed. And that the particuler bodyes or goodes of any of the sayde wardens or inhabytantes, beinge condempned in any of the sayde actions, shoulde and myghte be put in execution, after suche maner and fourme as is vsed in actions of det, by course of the common lawe of this realme. And more ouer it was enacted, that all clothes of worstedes, sayes, & stamyns, made within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and great Yermouth, or suburbes of the same or any of them, and marked with suche markes as shulde be symytted to the markers by the sayde wardens of the sayde towne, in maner and fourme as is aboue sayde. And viewed and sealed by any of the wardeyns of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth, in fourme remembred, by force & vertue of the sayde act, myght be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealyng, vpon the same clothes, or vppon any of them to be had or made, of or vppon any of the sayd clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes: Any thynge conteyned in the sayde. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe to the contrary not withstandynge. And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the sayde mysterye and occupation of worstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, and suburbes of the same, at theyr owne free wylles and lyberties frome thensforthe for euer myghte haue and take apprentice or apprentices beynge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, & being the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres and not vnder, so that none of theym excede the noumbre of two at ones, to lerne, vse, and exercyse the sayde crafte within eyther of the sayde two townes of Lynne and greatte Yermouthe, and suburbes of the same. All be it the father of the sayde apprentyce or apprentyces myghte nat expende in landes or tenementes to the yerely value of twenty. s. any acte or ordynaunce to the contrary made or to be made not withstandinge.

Prouided alway that the same act nor any thing therin conteined, shuld not in

not in any wyse be hurteful or prejudicial to the mayre of Norwich, or to his successor, or to the wardens of the sayd citie or county, or to theyr successors, in any poynte, article, power, or auctoritie, other than for weavynge, serchynge, and sealynge of the worstedes, sayes, and stamines, made or to be made onely within the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth, or suburbes of the same or to any of them. And for lymitting of markes to the makers of worstedes, sayes, and stampns, only inhabyted in eyther of the sayd townes or suburbes thereof, and takynge of apprentices in fourme aboue remembred: But that the sayde Mayre of the sayde citie of Norwyche, and wardeynes of the same citie and countie, and euery of theym myghte haue and vse all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayde leuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the serche, sealynge, correction, and reformation of the sayde wardeynes, newely to be electe by vertue of the same acte and euery of them, accordynge and after suche fourme as they myghte do or vse, any of the sayde wardens of the sayde citie or countie, by force of the sayde acte made in the sayd. xii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, as al and euery other enqueries, corrections, serchinges, sealinges, and reformations to be had for the trewe makynge of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, in and vpon any persone or persones, as well within the sayde townes of Lyn and Yermouth, as without, without trouble, lette, or veration of any of the inhabitantes of the saide townes, in as large and ample wise as they might haue done before the makinge of the sayde acte, any thinge conteined in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worstede weauers, inhabyted or after that to be inhabited, within eyther of the sayde townes of Linne and Yermouthe, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or personnes, which shulde happen to bye of the same craftes men, or any of them, or of any other person, any of the saide clothes of worstedes, sates, or stamins, made or to be made within eyther of the saide townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same townes to be electe and sworne as is afore sayde.

And any of them shoulde not shere, dye, or putte in coloure, or kalender any worstedes, stamines, or sayes, made or after that to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, or suburbes of the same, in anye other place or places, but onely within the sayde cytie of Norwyche or suburbes of the same, vppon peyne of forfayture of euery pece of worstede, sayes, or stamines, to be made within anye of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, or suburbes of the same, or the value thereof, shorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred, by any of the sayde craftes menne, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the sayde citie of Norwiche or suburbes of the same, the one halfe therof to be to the kynge oure soueraine lorde, and the other halfe to suche persone or personnes as shoulde seale the same, so that the sayde worstedes brought to the sayde citie of Norwiche

to be shorne, dyed, coloured, and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of anye of the sayde inhabytauntes and marchauntes myghte be shorne, dyed, coloured, and kalendred, at and by as conuenient price or prices, and in as redy wise as the sayde inhabytauntes of eyther of the sayde townes of Lyn and Yermouth, and marchauntes, byers of the sayde worstedes, or other of the sayde citie and countie hadde hadde in tymes paste, or after that shoulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes and marchauntes, and euery of them so bryngynge the sayde worstedes to the same citie to be shorne, died coloured, and kalendred, were reasonably and lawfully entreated, according to the sayde acte made in the sayde .viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, and the ordynaunces made and affyrmed, or there after to be made and affirmed for the sayd mystery, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same acte or ordynaunces in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no persone or persons at any tyme after that shulde conueye or transporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the see, any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes were shorne, dyed, coloured, and kalendred, vpon peyne of forfayture the value therof. The one halfe to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe therof to the partie that wyll sue therfore by action or playnte of dette in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche action or sute no protection or essoyne shulde be alowed, nor the offendour admitted to wage his lawe, as by the sayd act therof made more plainely appereth, whiche acte was made to endure vnto the nexte parliament, whereby it is nowe expyred.

¶ In consideration wherof, and for as moche as the same acte is a good & a necessarye acte for the trewe makyng of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, & very commodious and profitable for the encrease of the sayd townes of Yermouth and Lynne. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, that the same acte and euery article, sentence, and prouision therin contained, from the firste day of this present parliament, be and stande in full strength, vertue, and effecte, and to endure vnto the laste ende of the nexte parlyamente, any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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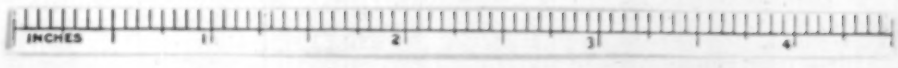
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